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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

**Re: Ex Parte: South Carolina Department of Mental Health
Appellate Case No. 2023-001766**

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please be advised I will be representing the State (Respondent) in this Appeal. Please add my name as counsel of record and forward all future correspondence regarding this matter directly to me. Although Appellant/Respondent (SCDMH) and Respondent/Appellant (Carter) have submitted separate briefs, they are advocating the same position, requesting the same relief, and have made overlapping if not identical arguments in their briefs. Consequently, the State intends to serve and file a single Initial Brief of Respondent in response to both. The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above case is due to be served and filed with the Court today. However, due to my heavy work-load, I am requesting a first, thirty-day extension in which to serve and file this Brief. By copy of this letter, I am informing Logan Y. Royals, R. Alexander Pate, II, and D. Joseph Brewer, Esquires, of this request.

Sincerely,

J. Benjamin Aplin
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