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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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Re: DeQuincey Simmons v. South Carolina Department of Employment Workforce, et al.
Appellate Case No. 2024-001608

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This firm represents Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC, one of the Respondents in this matter. According to the Court's December 30, 2024, correspondence, and the South Carolina Department of Employment Workforce's collectively (the "Respondents") response brief(s) are currently due on January 29, 2025 by our calculation.

Respondents respectfully request a joint twenty-one (21) day extension of time to file their initial response brief(s). This is the first request for an extension of this deadline. This request is premised on other deadlines and work obligations in other matters. As noted, the current deadline is January 29, 2025. If the Court grants this extension, the new deadline for Respondents' response brief will be **February 19, 2025**.

This request is a joint request and is being filed with the express consent of counsel for the South Carolina Department of Employment.

A check in the amount of \$50.00 for the required filing fee is being submitted to the Court. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very sincerely yours,

Benjamin T. Hepner

CC: Dequincey Simmons
Ben Cook, Esquire