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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas  
R. Kirk Griffin, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No.: 2024-000742

Jerry Cozby  
vs. Plaintiff,

Kent Huntley Oliver, Thompson Construction Group, Inc., Curtis  
Ouellette, and Quality Haulers, Inc. Defendants,  
of which, Respondents,  
Kent Huntley Oliver and Thompson Construction Group, Inc. are  
AND

Dean Alan Arender and Tamala Arender, Appellants,  
vs.

Kent Huntley Oliver, Thompson Construction Group, Inc., Curtis  
Kent Ouellette, and DMX Transportation Services, Inc. Defendants,  
of which, Respondents,  
Kent Huntley Oliver and Thompson Construction Group, Inc. are  
AND

Kent Huntley Oliver, Respondent,  
vs.

Curtis Kent Ouellette, Quality Haulers, Inc., Dean Alan Arender,  
US XPRESS Leasing, Inc., and US XPRESS, Inc., Defendants,  
of which, Defendants,  
Dean Alan Arender, US XPRESS Leasing, Inc., and US XPRESS,  
Inc. are Appellants,

Certificate of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that on February 26, 2025, he served all counsel of record the Appellants, Dean and Tamala Arender's, Final Brief and Final Reply by emailing counsel a copy of the same to the below email addresses as maintained in the attorney information system:

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Good afternoon:

Attached please find the Arender Appellants' Final Brief and Final Reply that will be filed momentarily with the court's OneDrive system and in person. Also attached is the Rule 211(b) certificate, certificate of service, and the cover letters that will accompany the electronic and physical filings.

Best,

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**Via OneDrive**

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RE: Jerry Cozby, Plaintiff vs. Kent Huntley Oliver, Thompson Construction Group, Inc., Curtis Ouellette, and Quality Haulers, Inc., Defendants, of which Kent Huntley Oliver and Thompson Construction Group, Inc., are Respondents. AND Dean Alan Arender and Tamala Arender, Appellants vs. Kent Huntley Oliver, Thompson Construction Group, Inc., Curtis Kent Ouellette, and DMX Transportation Services, Inc., Defendants, of which Kent Huntley Oliver and Thompson Construction Group, Inc. are Respondents. AND Kent Huntley Oliver, Respondent vs. Curtis Kent Ouellette, Quality Haulers, Inc. Dean Alan Arender, US XPRESS Leasing, Inc., and US EXPRESS, Inc., Defendants, of which Dean Alan Arender, US XPRESS Leasing, Inc., and US XPRESS, Inc., are Appellants.

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Appellants' Final Brief and Final Reply

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find the following for filing in the above referenced matter, which are filed on behalf of Appellants Dean and Tamala Arender's—in their capacities as Plaintiff/Appellants in the action of Dean Alan Arender and Tamala Arender vs. Kent Huntley Oliver, Thompson Construction Group, Inc., Curtis Kent Ouellette, and DMX Transportation Services, Inc.:

1. Final Brief;
2. Final Reply;
3. Rule 211(b), SCACR, Certification;
4. Certificate of Service;
5. Transmittal Email.

In compliance with the Court's January 24, 2025, letter; *Re: Reduced Number of Copies Required in Appellate Matters* (S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated August 25, 2021); and Rule 267, SCACR, an additional bound copy of these Appellants' Final Brief and Final Reply will be hand delivered to the Court under separate cover.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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