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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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Re: Serge R. Wandji v. The Regional Medical Center
Appellate Case No.: 2025-000108
Trial Court Case No.: 2023-CP-38-00331

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I write to respectfully oppose the Respondent's May 15, 2025 request for a thirty (30) day extension to file its Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be included in the Record on Appeal. While the Respondent characterizes this as its first extension request at the appellate level, that framing ignores the broader procedural history and context of this case.

Throughout the lower court proceedings, the Regional Medical Center employed repeated delay tactics, requesting multiple extensions for even basic discovery obligations, thus slowing the litigation at nearly every turn. These delays were not incidental; they were strategic, and they imposed significant prejudice on me as a pro se litigant. Now, at the appellate level, Respondent seeks to continue that pattern by again attempting to dictate the timeline of this case based solely on its counsel's claimed "workload."

It is critical that this Honorable Court not allow the Respondent to control the pace of appellate review in the same manner it did in the trial court. The judicial process must be governed by fairness and efficiency, not by the convenience of well-resourced parties who have already used procedural maneuvers to their advantage. Allowing yet another delay only compounds the prejudice to me as the self-represented appellant and risks undermining the integrity and timeliness of the appellate process itself.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge the Court to deny Respondent's request for an extension and enforce the existing May 21, 2025 deadline for filing its Initial Brief and Designation of Matter. This appeal deserves to proceed on schedule, free from unnecessary and prejudicial delay.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Serge Wandji

Respectfully submitted,
s/Serge R. Wandji
Pro Se Appellant

Enclosures

Cc: Amanda C. Williams (via electronic mail and U.S. Mail)