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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM HORRY COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Dale Van Slambrook, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2024-001734

Olga Teslenko, Appellant,

v.

Joe Kocsis and Carpet King & Flooring,
Respondents.

MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE-FILED BRIEF

TO THE HONORABLE COURT OF APPEALS OF SOUTH CAROLINA:

Appellant, Olga Teslenko, appearing pro se, respectfully moves this Court to accept her Appellant's Brief and Designation of Matter for Inclusion in the Record on Appeal, both of which were filed on September 18, 2025, approximately 13 hours and 22 minutes after the deadline of September 17, 2025.

GROUNDINGS FOR THE MOTION

1. **Good Cause:** This motion is based on good cause, as set forth in South Carolina Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b), which permits the Court, for good cause shown, to accept a filing after a specified deadline has expired.
2. **Diligent work:** Despite receiving multiple extensions, Appellant worked diligently to complete her brief within the final deadline.
3. **Good-faith effort to comply with court rules:** In an effort to ensure proper compliance with filing procedures, Appellant contacted the Clerk's Office by phone in July 2025 and confirmed that a filing received by midnight would be considered

timely. This prior consultation demonstrates a good-faith effort to comply with court rules and contextualizes Appellant's intent and ongoing health problems.

4. **Health Crisis:** Appellant suffers from a neurological disability and severe illness, which has recently deteriorated, particularly during the final days leading up to the September 17 filing deadline. This period of immense mental and physical strain culminated in a medical crisis, which required Appellant to seek urgent medical attention for severe edema and heart failure on September 20, 2025. This acute medical event was exacerbated by the preparation of her brief and directly impeded her ability to file it by the assigned deadline.
5. Appellant attempted to secure legal representation but was unsuccessful and has been effectively excluded from receiving assistance. This has forced her to navigate a complex legal process alone, placing an additional burden on her, particularly given her disability.
6. Appellant's brief was completed and filed as soon as humanly possible under these very difficult circumstances. The delay was minimal—approximately 13 hours—and was a result of Appellant's disability and a medical crisis, not a lack of diligence.
7. The delay has not caused any prejudice to the opposing party. The brief has been filed and served, and the opposing party can now proceed with their response in the normal course.

ARGUMENT

The interests of justice, particularly given Appellant's *pro se* status, disability, and the minimal delay involved, require that this Court accept the late-filed brief. The alleged judicial fraud at the circuit court is a serious issue that deserves review on its merits. Dismissing this appeal on a mere procedural technicality, especially when the Appellant was facing a health crisis, would be a miscarriage of justice.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant this motion and accept her Appellant's Brief and Designation of Matter as timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE OF MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE-FILED BRIEF

Appellant hereby certifies that she has served her Motion to Accept Late-Filed Brief on Respondent, Mr. Joe Kocsis, who at all relevant times represented himself to be the owner of Carpet King & Flooring. Service was made by depositing a copy in Federal Express Mail, postage prepaid, on September 20, 2025, addressed to: Mr. Joe Kocsis, Carpet King & Flooring, 532 Broadway Street, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Respectfully submitted,

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