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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals**

**APPEAL FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT
The Honorable S. Phillip Lenski, Administrative Law Judge
Docket No. 24-ALJ-30-0192-AP**

**Kyndra Sumter Ford,
Educator Certificate No. 184236,
Appellant,**

v.

**South Carolina Department of Education,
Respondent.**

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE INITIAL BRIEF AND
DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

Appellant, by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully moves this Honorable Court for an additional ten (10) days to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter and to cure the deficiencies identified by the Court. In support of this Motion, Appellant shows the following:

1. On December 18, 2025, Appellant filed a Motion to Extend Time to Serve and File the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter.
2. On December 19, 2025, the Court issued a deficiency letter advising that the filing fee and proof of service were required and that the deficiencies had not been cured.
3. The Court further advised that no action would be taken on the December 18, 2025 motion and that the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter must be served and filed within ten (10) days from the date of the letter to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
4. Due to inclement weather conditions affecting counsel's ability to timely comply with the Court's request, Appellant was unable to cure the identified deficiencies within the prescribed time period.
5. Appellant is acting in good faith and respectfully requests a brief additional extension of ten (10) days to submit the required filing fee, provide proof of service, and file and serve the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter.

6. Granting this Motion will not prejudice the Respondent and will allow this matter to be decided on its merits rather than dismissed on procedural grounds.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant an additional ten (10) days from the date of the Court's order on this Motion to cure the deficiencies and to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter, and for such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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