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VIA EMAIL ONLY

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Court of Appeals
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: South Carolina Automobile and Truck Dealers Association v. South Carolina
Department of Consumer Affairs
Appellate Case No.: 2026-000357

Dear Madam Clerk:

Please allow this letter to serve as a first-time request for a 30-day extension for Appellant to file its initial brief and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. The transcripts of the proceedings below were received on February 24, 2026. Thus, the initial brief is due March 26, 2026. If this extension is granted, Appellant's initial brief will be due on April 25, 2026. April 25, 2026 is a Saturday, making the initial brief due on April 27, 2026. This extension request is not made for the purposes of delay. As Appellant is a state agency, it is my understanding that a motion fee is not required for this extension request.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter M. Balthazor".

Peter M. Balthazor

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