

In the Supreme Court of
South Carolina

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IN THE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
OF THE SUPREME COURT

S.C. SUPREME COURT

Case No. 2026-000032

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC INTEREST FOUNDATION and JAMES
WENINGER.....Plaintiffs

v.

HENRY MCMASTER, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of
South Carolina; MAJOR GENERAL ROBIN B. STILLWELL, in his official
capacity as Adjutant General of the South Carolina National Guard
..... Defendants

**PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY**

Plaintiffs South Carolina Public Interest Foundation (SCPIF) and James Weninger respectfully request a 7-day extension of the deadline to file their reply brief. If granted, the new deadline would be **April 3, 2026**. As grounds, counsel states as follows:

Defendants' brief raises an important issue not directly addressed by Plaintiffs' brief—namely, whether the Court's long-recognized "public importance exception" to standing is unconstitutional and should be eliminated. *See* Defs. Br. at 9–21 (arguing that this action is not a "case" within the meaning of Article V of the

South Carolina Constitution). That argument, which Defendants concede would require the abandonment of stare decisis, *id.* at 16–20, has now also been joined by the Speaker of the House, Murrell Smith, and the President of the Senate, Thomas Alexander, by way of yesterday’s amici brief.

Plaintiffs seek additional time to respond to these new arguments.

Defendants do not oppose Plaintiffs’ request.

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* *Motions for pro hac vice forthcoming*