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v.

South Carolina Department of Corrections, Respondent.

**MOTION BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
FOR A 30-DAY EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE BY WHICH
IT MAY FILE ITS INITIAL BRIEF AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

By correspondence dated March 27, 2026, the Clerk directed counsel in this matter to use the above-provided title for all future filings by the parties.

In the same correspondence, the Clerk acknowledged receipt of the Appellants' initial brief and designation of matter to be included in the record on appeal, both of which were dated March 19, 2026. Accordingly, the initial brief and designation of matter to be included in the record on appeal is due from the Respondent, the South Carolina Department of Corrections [SCDC], no later than Monday, April 20, 2026.

SCDC's undersigned counsel, however, respectfully moves the Court to extend the deadline associated with filing and serving SCDC's initial brief and designation of matter by 30 days from Monday, April 20, 2026 to Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

SCDC's undersigned counsel so moves given deadlines and obligations he has confronted over the past several weeks in matters pending in both state and federal court. SCDC's undersigned counsel also so moves given the recent death of his father for whom a memorial service was held on Saturday, April 11, 2026 in eastern West Virginia. SCDC's undersigned counsel and his spouse drove to eastern West Virginia on Thursday, April 9, 2026 to attend the service, and they returned on Sunday, April 12, 2026.

SCDC's undersigned counsel spoke by telephone on Thursday, April 16, 2026 with Appellants' counsel about the proposed 30-day extension of the deadline by which to file and serve SCDC's initial brief and designation of matter, and the reasons for the proposed extension, and

Appellants' counsel graciously advised SCDC's undersigned counsel during their conversation that he did not object to the proposed extension, especially given the circumstances.

Thus, for the foregoing reasons, SCDC's undersigned counsel respectfully urges this Court to grant his instant motion and, by doing so, extend the deadline by which he may file and serve SCDC's initial brief and designation of matter by 30 days from Monday, April 20, 2026 to Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

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