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

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**APPEAL FROM MARLBORO COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas**

**The Honorable Robert E. Hood**

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**Appellate Case No. 2026-000076  
Circuit Court Case No.: 2025CP3400154**

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**Sharon Covington and Dorothy Douglas, Respondents,**

**v.**

**1st Better Living 2, LLC; Marlboro County Delinquent Tax Collector;  
Newrez, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Defendants,**

**of which Newrez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing is the Appellant.**

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**APPELLANT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME TO FILE REPLY BRIEF OF APPELLANT**

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Appellant Newrez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing (“Newrez”), through undersigned counsel and pursuant to SCACR 240 and 263, hereby seeks a ten-day extension of time – through and including Tuesday, May 26, 2026<sup>1</sup> – to file Appellant’s Reply Brief in the above-captioned proceeding, and states as follows:

1. On December 9, 2025, the Court of Common Pleas for Marlboro County, Fourth Judicial Circuit entered an order denying Newrez’s Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs’ Amended Complaint. The Motion to Dismiss that was denied by the trial court sought, among other grounds, to compel arbitration pursuant to an arbitration agreement.

2. Due to the trial court’s denial of arbitration, Newrez timely filed this appeal as permitted by 9 U.S.C. § 16; S.C. Code § 15-48-200; and other authorities providing for an immediate right of appeal from a denial of a petition seeking to compel arbitration.

3. Respondents have served and filed their Initial Brief of Respondents, and Appellant’s Reply Brief is currently due on Friday, May 15, 2026.

4. Appellant request additional time to fully analyze and address the arguments raised in Respondents’ Initial Brief and to prepare its Reply Brief.

5. Due to responsibilities in other matters that undersigned counsel is handling, Appellant needs additional time to prepare and file and serve its Reply Brief.

6. Appellant believes there is good cause to grant the requested 10-day extension, and that the extension should apply to all counsel.

7. This is Appellant’s first request for an extension of this deadline.

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<sup>1</sup> Respondents’ counsel has consented to a ten-day extension. Because May 25, 2026, is Memorial Day, Appellant requests that the extended deadline fall on May 26, 2026.

8. Moreover, counsel for Respondents consents to the ten-day extension sought by this motion.

WHEREFORE, Appellant Newrez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing respectfully requests:

1. A ten-day extension of time – through and including Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – for Appellant to file and serve its Reply Brief; and
2. Such other and further relief the Court deems necessary and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of May 2026.

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **APPELLANT’S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY BRIEF OF APPELLANT** was sent via email and via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows:

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This the 14th day of May, 2026.

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