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Appellate Case No. 2025-002437

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v.

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**MOTION FOR EXTENSION**

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Respondents South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division and Mark Keel, in his official capacity as Chief of the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division (“Respondents”) respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension of time to file their Initial Brief and Designation of Matter, which are currently due on or before June 1, 2026. This is Respondents’ first request for an extension of these deadlines. Respondents request the extension based on their counsel’s work obligations in other matters. If the Court grants the requested extension, the new deadline for Respondents’ Initial Brief and Designation of Matter will be July 1, 2026. Counsel for the parties have conferred, and Appellants consent to the requested extension.

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Attached herewith and served upon you please find the Motion for Extension of Respondents in regard to the above matter.

Thank you!

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