

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Supreme Court

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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable R. Kirk Griffin, Circuit Court Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2026-001054

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Jerry Cozby, Plaintiff,

vs.

Kent Huntley Oliver, Thompson Construction Group, Inc., Curtis Ouellette, and Quality Haulers, Inc.,  
Defendants,

of which Kent Hunley Oliver and Thompson Construction Group, Inc. are Respondents.

AND

Dean Alan Arender and Tamala Arender, Appellants,

vs.

Kent Huntley Oliver, Thompson Construction Group, Inc., Curtis Kent Ouellette, and DMX  
Transportation Services, Inc., Defendants,

of which Kent Hunley Oliver and Thompson Construction Group, Inc. are Respondents.

AND

Kent Huntley Oliver, Respondent,

vs.

Curtis Kent Ouellette, Quality Haulers, Inc., Dean Alan Arender, US XPRESS Leasing, Inc., and US  
XPRESS, Inc., Defendants,

of which Dean Alan Arender, US XPRESS Leasing, Inc., and US XPRESS, Inc. are Appellants.

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**APPELLANTS DEAN ALAN ARENDER, U.S. XPRESS LEASING, INC., AND U.S.  
XPRESS, INC.'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Counsel for the Appellants Dean Alan Arender, U.S. Express Leading, Inc., and U.S. Xpress, Inc., respectfully request a ten (10) day extension of time to file their reply to their petition for certiorari. If granted, the new deadline to file will be June 22, 2026. This request is based upon counsel's professional obligations arising from other matters. This is Appellants first request for an extension from the Supreme Court and counsel for the Respondents have consented to this extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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