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Via Hand Delivery

The Honorable Patricia Howard
Clerk of Court, Supreme Court of South Carolina
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Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: Jerry Cozby, Plaintiff vs. Kent Huntley Oliver, Thompson Construction Group, Inc., Curtis Ouellette, and Quality Haulers, Inc., Defendants, of which Kent Huntley Oliver and Thompson Construction Group, Inc., are Respondents. AND Dean Alan Arender and Tamala Arender, Petitioners vs. Kent Huntley Oliver, Thompson Construction Group, Inc., Curtis Kent Ouellette, and DMX Transportation Services, Inc., Defendants, of which Kent Huntley 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 EXPRESS, Inc., Defendants, of which Dean Alan Arender, US XPRESS Leasing, Inc., and US XPRESS, Inc., are Petitioners.

Appellate Case No.: 2026-001954
Motion for Extension of Time

Dear Ms. Howard:

Enclosed please find the following for filing in the above referenced matter:

1. Motion for extension of time for filing Petitioners Dean and Tamala Arender's reply to their petition for a writ of certiorari;
2. Certificate of Service; and,
3. Filing fee of \$50.00.

Petitioners Dean and Tamala Arender respectfully move for an extension of time for filing their reply to their petition for certiorari. Their reply is currently due June

11, 2026. If their motion for a ten (10) day extension is granted, their reply to their petition for certiorari will be due June 22, 2026. This is Petitioners Dean and Tamala Arender's first motion for an extension of time before this Court.

Very truly yours,

s/ James D. George, Jr.
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APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

R. Kirk Griffin, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2026-001054

Jerry Cozby
Plaintiff,
vs.

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

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

Dean Alan Arender and Tamala Arender, Petitioners,
vs.

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

of which
Kent Huntley 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 Petitioners,

Motion for Extension

Counsel for the Petitioner Dean and Tamala Arender 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 Petitioners Dean and Tamala Arender's first request for an extension from the Supreme Court.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ James D. George, Jr.
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vs.

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Kent Ouellette, and DMX Transportation Services, Inc. Defendants,

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

Kent Huntley Oliver, AND 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 Petitioners,

Certificate of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that on June 10, 2026, he served all counsel of record Petitioners Dean and Tamala Arender's Motion for Extension of Time to file their reply to their petition for certiorari by emailing counsel a copy of the same to the below email addresses as maintained in the attorney information system:

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Enclosed with this Certificate of Service is a copy of the transmittal email to counsel.

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Good morning, attached please find Petitioners Dean and Tamala Arender's motion for an extension of time to file their reply to the petition for cert. It will be filed via hand delivery with the court momentarily.

Best,

JDG

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On Jun 1, 2026, at 4:36 PM, Jennifer Lisandrelli <jennifer.lisandrelli@smithrobinsonlaw.com> wrote:

Good afternoon. Attached for service is Respondents' Return to Petitions for Writ of Certiorari along with the Proof of Service in the above matter. Thank you.

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