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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

**Re: Regina Ford v. Zack Alleyne
Request Regarding June 10, 2026 Emergency Motion for Extension of Time to Pay
Filing Fee**

To the Honorable Court:

I respectfully submit this letter to explain the circumstances surrounding my June 10, 2026 Emergency Motion for Extension of Time to Pay the Filing Fee.

On **June 6, 2026**, my mother, Mary Peguese, was rushed to the hospital by ambulance due to a serious medical emergency and was admitted to the hospital. She remained hospitalized until **June 18th, 2026**, when she was discharged. I am her designated Health Care Power of Attorney and primary caregiver. As explained in my motion, I attached documentation supporting her hospitalization, my Health Care Power of Attorney, and medical documentation confirming her condition and need for assistance.

On **June 10, 2026**, I emailed my Emergency Motion requesting a extension of time to pay the filing fee. My request was not made to avoid payment. Rather, I requested a extension because of the unexpected financial burdens associated with my mother's hospitalization and ongoing care while continuing to keep my rent and other financial obligations current.

After submitting my motion, I spoke with **Shelby**, who advised me that I would receive a timestamp or confirmation of my filing. Shortly thereafter, I received a Notice of Motion Hearing dated the same day. Based upon receiving that notice, I believed my Emergency Motion had been received and that my request for additional time was being processed.

Today, at approximately **10:00 a.m.**, I again spoke with Shelby regarding my June 10 filing. I explained that the Circuit Court Judge had instructed me to provide documentation from the Court of Appeals by **12:00 p.m.** today or my matter could be dismissed. Shelby advised me that she would look into the matter and asked me to call back.

When I called back approximately one hour later, Shelby had already left for the day. I then spoke with her supervisor, **Stormy**, who advised me that I needed to submit something in writing and that my request would be reviewed. Stormy further explained that the documentation would be uploaded reflecting the timestamp and status of my June 10 filing.

I respectfully ask the Court to consider that I timely submitted my Emergency Motion and have acted in good faith throughout this process. I have never intended to avoid

paying the filing fee. My request was extension because of my mother's unexpected hospital medical emergency and also my added responsibilities as her caregiver.

I have continued paying my rent and meeting my other financial obligations. My concern was that paying the filing fee immediately during my mother's hospitalization and recovery could have placed me in a position where I would be unable to timely pay my rent and other necessary living expenses. I was simply requesting a brief extension so I could satisfy all of my obligations without causing additional financial hardship.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Court consider my June 10, 2026 Emergency Motion, acknowledge that it was timely submitted, and grant the requested extension of time to pay the filing fee so that my appeal may proceed on its merits.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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