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In The Supreme Court

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APPEAL FROM PICKENS COUNTY
Court of General Sessions
Jessica Ann Salvini, Circuit Court Judge

S.C. SUPREME COURT

Appellate Case No. 2026-000392

The State,Respondent,

v.

Benjamin Allen Harkema,Appellant.

Motion for Extension of Time

Benjamin Harkema moves this Court for an order extending the time to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal, by 30 days, to Friday October 2, 2026. This is the second request for an extension to file this pleading. This request is based on undersigned counsel's vacation the week of August 21-25, 2026 and his other professional obligations and is not intended for delay. Counsel prepared for and participated in a South Carolina Department of Social Services ("SCDSS") merits hearing, convened on September 2-3, 2026, in the Family Court for Greenville County. *SCDSS v. Burton, et. al.*, Case No. 2026-DR-23-00127.

Undersigned counsel additionally respectfully request this Court accept this request out of time. Counsel overlooked filing this request while preparing for and participating in the DSS hearing.

Counsel anticipates not further extension requests will be necessary.

IT IS SO MOVED.

Respectfully Submitted,

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