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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Daniel Coble, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2026-000357

Civil Action No. 2022-CP-40-05552

South Carolina Automobile and Truck Dealers Association,.....Respondent,

v.

South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs,.....Appellant.

APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE INITIAL REPLY BRIEF

The Appellant South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs respectfully moves this Court for a 21-day extension of time until October 26, 2026, by which to file and serve its Initial Reply Brief.

The Appellant's motion is based on the following grounds:

1. Respondent filed its Initial Respondent's Brief on September 25, 2026. Respondent's Brief is 44 pages long.

2. The Appellant's Initial Reply Brief is currently due to be filed and served on October 5, 2026.

3. On September 30, 2026, the undersigned counsel reached out to Respondent's counsel to request consent for a 20-day extension of time. Respondent's counsel graciously consented to the request on the same day.

4. Initially, Appellant seeks this extension because of travel plans this weekend out-of-state for a college parents' weekend that would make it almost impossible to complete a reply brief by the initial deadline.

5. The undersigned counsel believes that additional time is needed to completely review and adequately reply to Respondent's initial brief.

6. This motion is not being made for the purposes of delay but in the interests of justice.

WHEREFORE, the Appellant South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs respectfully requests that it be allowed until October 26, 2026, by which to file and serve its Initial Reply Brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned attorney for the Appellant South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs, do hereby certify that on October 2, 2026, I have served all parties to this appeal (via electronic mail) with a copy of the documents referenced below:

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RE: South Carolina Automobile and Truck Dealers Association v. South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs
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Dear Madam Clerk:

Pursuant to Section (b)(2) of the Supreme Court's Order Methods of Electronic Filing and Service Under Rule 262 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (As Amended April 24, 2024), please find enclosed for filing the **Appellant's Motion for Extension of Time to File Initial Reply Brief** with regard to the above-referenced appeal. By copy of this letter, I am serving copies on all counsel of record by email only pursuant to Section (d)(1) of the same Supreme Court Order.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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