IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

	)	Appellate Case no: 2026-001639
	)	Lower Court: 25-ALJ-07-0285-CC
Lori Heffner Gibson-Appellant	)	**MOTION FOR EXTENSION**
v.	)	
SC Department of Public Health-Respondent	)	
	)	
Lower Court Case No.: 25-ALJ-07-0285-CC	)	

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

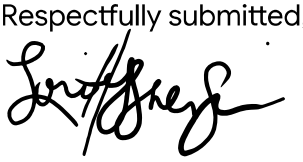
The Appellant, Lori Heffner Gibson, respectfully moves this Honorable Court pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, for an order granting a sixty (60) day extension of time within which to serve and file the Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter. In support of this Motion, Appellant states as follows:

1. **Current Deadline:** The Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter are currently due to be served and filed on or before October 21, 2026.
2. **Reason for Extension:** Appellant is currently proceeding *pro se* but desires to be represented by licensed legal counsel in this appellate proceeding. Appellant is actively seeking and interviewing appellate attorneys to undertake representation in this matter. Attempts have been made for consultation with several, but have been turned down due to their case loads. Appellant will require additional time to finalize retention and allow counsel adequate time to review the trial record and prepare the brief.
3. **Good Cause:** This motion is made in good faith and not for the purpose of undue delay. Granting a 60-day extension will ensure that Appellant's constitutional and statutory appellate rights are properly preserved and that the Court receives a well-briefed matter from qualified counsel.
4. **No Undue Prejudice:** Granting this extension will not prejudice any party to this action,

as this is an initial request for an extension for the brief.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court issue an Order extending the deadline for Appellant to serve and file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter by sixty (60) days, up to and including December 20, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



Dated: October 20, 2026

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 20th day of October, 2026, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Motion for Extension of Time** was served upon counsel of record for Respondent via U.S. First Class Mail, postage prepaid addressed as follows:

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