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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable G. Thomas Cooper, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

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Case No. 2014-000244

Protection and Advocacy for the People with Disabilities, Inc.; M.J.B. on behalf of and as next friend of J.B.; C.B.B. on behalf of and as guardian of P.B.; G.C. and L.C. on behalf of and as guardians of F.C.; D.P. on behalf of and as guardian of C.M.D.; K.F. and S.F. on behalf of and as next friend of A.E.; J.H. on behalf of and as next friend of A.J.; G.M. on behalf of and as next friend of E.M.; N.M. on behalf of and as guardian of E.J.M.; R.P. on behalf of and as Guardian of S.P.; R.R. and J.R. on behalf of and as guardians of K.D.R.; and J.K. on behalf of and as guardian of S.S. **APPELLANTS**

v.

South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs; Dr. Beverly Buscemi, in her official capacity as Director of the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs; and Nancy Banor, Deborah McPherson, Christine Sharp, Rick Huntress, Fred Lynn, Harvey Shiver and Kelly Hanson Floyd, as Commissioners of the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs **RESPONDENTS**

**APPELLANTS' MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE AND/OR TO STAY**

Appellants, Protection and Advocacy for the People with Disabilities, Inc.; M.J.B. on behalf of and as next friend of J.B.; C.B.B. on behalf of and as guardian of P.B.; G.C. and L.C. on behalf of and as guardians of F.C.; D.P. on behalf of and as guardian of

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The reasons for this motion for an additional thirty (30) days and related stay of the current deadlines from the date of filing said extension request are due to the current and unforeseeable workloads of the counsel of record, including additional and unexpected briefing and litigation demands due to unexpected developments in other matters, health and family issues, and a number of other deadlines, counsel has not been able to finalize and complete the research and drafting necessary with co-counsel to complete the Initial Appellants' Brief(s) and responsive Designation of Matters to be

Included in the Record on Appeal. The Appellants respectfully request to be allowed the additional time requested. This motion is not made for the purpose of undue delay, but due to unexpected demands. A prior request was made and was granted by the Court; however, this request is needed based upon unforeseeable matters as stated herein. The Court's consideration is greatly appreciated.

Prior to filing this motion, the undersigned attorney for Appellants, C. Jo Anne Wessinger Hill, did consult with counsel for the Appellants (Kenneth P. Woodington, Esq.) and has been advised that the Respondents do not have any objection and did agree and consent in writing to the motion to stay and for the extension of time of an additional thirty (30) days.

WHEREFORE, undersigned counsel for Appellants pray that this Court shall issue an Order staying the time limits set forth in Rules 208 and 209, SCACR, for the Appellants to respond and file an Initial Appellants' Brief(s) and responsive Designation of Matters to be Included in the Record on Appeal from the date of filing this motion and until the parties receive a copy of the Order of the Court deciding this Motion for extension.

WHEREFORE, undersigned counsel for Appellants pray that this Court shall issue an Order allowing the additional time requested and extending for an additional thirty (30) days the time limits set forth in Rules 208 and 209, SCACR, for the Appellants to respond and file an Initial Appellants' Brief(s) and responsive Designation of Matters to be Included in the Record on Appeal so that the referenced filings shall be due no later than July 12, 2014.

Respectfully submitted this ^{John} 10th day of June, 2014.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned employee of RICHARDSON PLOWDEN & ROBINSON, P.A., attorneys for Appellant, does hereby certify that service of the foregoing **APPELLANTS' MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE AND/OR TO STAY** in the above-captioned matter was made upon all counsel of record this 10th day of June, 2014, by electronic mail and by depositing a copy of same in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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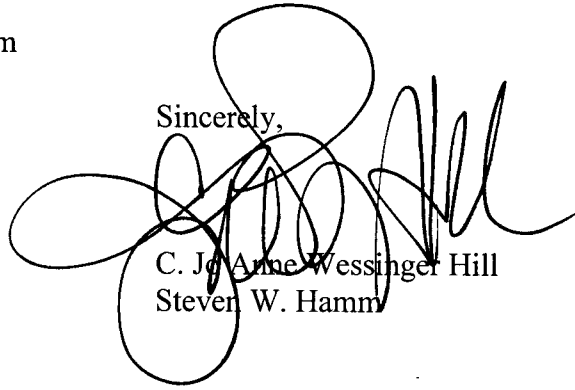
Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please find enclosed the original and seven copies of Appellants' Motion for Extension of Time to File and/or to Stay in the above-referenced matter, together with Proof of Service and our check in the amount of \$25.00 in payment of the filing fee. Please return one clocked copy to the courier.

If you should have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. You are welcome to call me at (803) 576-3714 or call Steve on his cell phone at (803) 463-9660 at any time. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end, positioned over the typed names.

C. Jo Anne Wessinger Hill
Steven W. Hamm

SWH/CJWH/kjt

Enclosures

cc: Kenneth P. Woodington, Esq., w/enc.