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The Honorable V. Claire Allen
Deputy Clerk of Court
South Carolina Court of Appeals
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: Conflict Associated with Argument Scheduled in *Francis Ackerman, et al., v. the South Carolina Department of Corrections*, Appellate Case No. 20012-CP-210588

Dear Ms. Allen:

I represent the Respondent, the South Carolina Department of Corrections ["SCDC"], in the above-referenced case. I received your memorandum dated June 5, 2015 concerning the probability that the Court of Appeals will reach the above-referenced case during its term scheduled for September 8 - 11, 2015.

In your memorandum, you directed counsel to notify the Court if they had a scheduling conflict with any of these dates. I wish to advise you of such a conflict, namely that I will be returning from a vacation out of the country on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

My wife and I purchased non-refundable airline tickets for our trip, and we depart Tuesday, September 1. Per the latest notice we received from the airline, our return flight is now scheduled to arrive at 11:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8. Given the realities associated with connecting flights and weather, it's likely that we will not arrive home until sometime on Wednesday, September 9.

Out of abundance of caution and to allow me sufficient time to make final preparations for argument, I respectfully request that the Court schedule argument in the above-referenced matter on Friday, September 11, 2015.

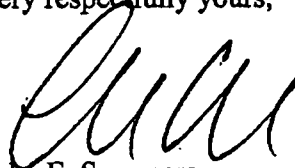
I have discussed my scheduling conflict with Douglas H. Westbrook, Esquire, counsel for the Appellants, and he does not object to any accommodation the Court makes in light of the above-described circumstances.

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this letter. As always, I remain

Very respectfully yours,



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Cc:
Douglas H. Westbrook, Esquire, Counsel for the Appellants