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June 8, 2016

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
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Re: Thomas J. Torrence #094651, Respondent v. South Carolina  
Department of Corrections, Appellant  
Appellate Case No. 2016-000285

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This is a formal request for an extension of time of thirty (30) days, up to and including July 18, 2016, in which to serve and file Respondent's Initial Brief in the above-referenced appeal.

Appellant received a second extension up to June 1, 2016. Appellant filed his initial brief and designation of matter on May 12, 2016. Respondent received those materials on May 17, 2016.

Respondent's instant request is based on just cause and in good faith, not with the intention of delay. Respondent submits that his mandatory duty assignment of five (5) days per week affords Respondent an opportunity of only two (2) hours per week in which to access the institutional law library. Respondent also submits that due to staff shortages the law library is closed those evening hours. Respondent further submits the content of Appellant's Initial Brief are complex and Respondent requires additional time in which to prepare his brief, in the interest of justice. Respondent does not believe the parties will be prejudiced by the delay.

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Respondent apologizes to the Honorable Clerk's Office and Appellant for not foreseeing this matter in a more timely fashion.

For the foregoing reasons the pro se Respondent respectfully asks this Court to extend the time in which to file Respondent's Initial Brief and designation of matter up to and including July 18, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Respondent certifies that counsel for Appellant Department of Corrections is served this date via copy of this correspondence.

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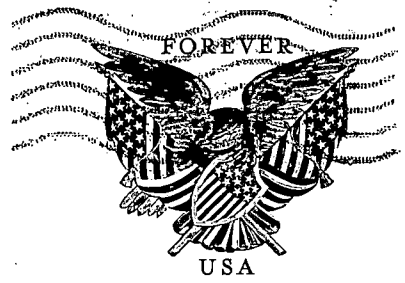
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