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*Via U.S. Mail*

Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
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Re: *Charles Eugene Carpenter v. SC Department of Corrections, et. al.*  
Appellate Case No.: 2017-002577

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

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According to our calculations, the Initial Reply Brief of Appellant in response to the Respondent SC Department of Corrections' Response Brief in the above-referenced matter is due Monday, April 23, 2018. Respondent State of South Carolina has not, however, filed its Response Brief. Instead, the Respondent State has filed a Motion to Dismiss and Hold Time Limits in Abeyance, which is still pending. Appellant is submitting a response to that motion and is informed and believes that the motion should be denied.

However, to avoid potential unnecessary expense by Appellant that would occur with continued briefing of the issues if the motion is ultimately granted and this appeal dismissed in whole or in part, Appellant hereby requests an extension of time to file the Initial Reply Brief to the Respondent SCDC's responsive brief.

Appellant therefore respectfully requests a revised due date be calculated and set as either 30 days from the current due date (new deadline would be then Wednesday, May 23, 2018), or alternatively, 15 days after denial of the State's pending motion to dismiss.

Enclosed with this letter is a check for \$25.00 for the cost of this motion. If a more formal motion filing is required, please let us know and one will be submitted immediately. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office. By copy of this letter, this request is being served upon Appellant's counsel.

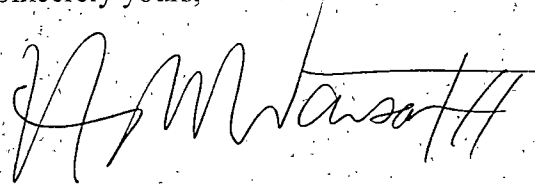
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With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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