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VIA E-MAIL and U.S. MAIL

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

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SC Court of Appeals

RE: Rent-A-Center East, Inc. and Rent Way, Inc., Appellants,
v. South Carolina Department of Revenue, Respondent.
SC Appellate No.: 2016-001210
Our File No. 017856/09003

Dear Ms. Allen:

We represent Appellants Rent-A-Center East, Inc. and Rent Way, Inc. ("Rent-A-Center") in the above-captioned matter. I am in receipt of your e-mail advising that in light of the request by the South Carolina Department of Revenue ("SCDOR") for a continuance, the Court will review this case upon the record and the briefs and that oral argument will not be rescheduled. The purpose of this letter is to ask the Court to reconsider and grant oral argument at a later date.

We recognize that there is no "right" to oral argument, and thus we are respectfully asking the Court for its indulgence. We are asking for a rescheduling of oral argument upon the following grounds. First, as the Appellants, we recognize that we must give the Court reasons for reversal of the lower court. We believe that oral argument enhances our opportunity to serve the Court and to explain the reasons why it should reverse the lower court's decision.

Second, oral argument gives the Court the opportunity to question the litigants who can respond to those questions thereby enhancing the Court's full understanding of the arguments by both parties.

Third, we believe that the circumstances of the request for continuance weigh in favor of granting our request. The case was scheduled for argument on September 11th (next Tuesday). We have made extensive preparations for oral argument on behalf of our

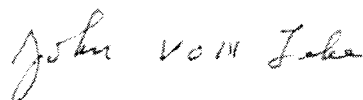
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client, and that preparation as well as the expenses incurred will be wasted if no oral argument takes place.

Fourth, the request for continuance was made by SCDOR, not Rent-A-Center. Rent-A-Center could not in good conscience oppose SCDOR's request for a continuance (which was based on a medical issue of one of SCDOR's counsel); however, SCDOR was simply asking for the oral argument to be rescheduled. These circumstances should not lead to Rent-A-Center losing the opportunity for oral argument.

The Court's consideration of this request is most appreciated.

Sincerely,



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