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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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APPEAL FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

H.W. Funderburk, Jr., Administrative Law Judge

Appellate Case No. 2018-001325

William Ray Ward, #91566 Respondent,

v.

South Carolina Department of Corrections Appellant.

**SCDC's MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE
DEADLINE BY WHICH IT MAY FILE ITS REPLY BRIEF**

For the reasons stated below, the Appellant/Respondent, the South Carolina Department of Corrections ["SCDC"], by and through its undersigned counsel, respectfully moves the Court for an extension of the deadline by which it may file its reply brief in the instant case.

The Respondent served his initial brief and designation of matter to be included in the record on appeal via United States Mail on January 2, 2019. Accordingly, pursuant to South Carolina Appellate Court Rule 208(a)(3), the Appellant's reply brief is due Monday, January 14, 2019.

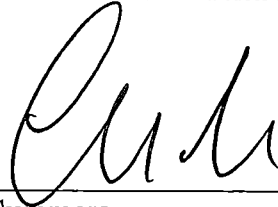
By his instant motion, however, SCDC's undersigned counsel respectfully moves the Court to extend the deadline for filing SCDC's reply brief **from Monday, January 14, 2019 to Monday, January 28, 2019.**

SCDC's undersigned counsel so respectfully moves in light of obligations he recently confronted and still confronts in other matters pending before this Court, circuit court, and federal court.

SCDC's undersigned counsel transmitted his intent to seek the extension requested within the instant motion via electronic mail to Mr. Ward's counsel on January 14, 2019, and Mr. Ward's counsel, by reply electronic mail, graciously consented to the proposed extension.

Thus, for the foregoing reasons, SCDC's undersigned counsel respectfully urges this Court to grant his instant motion, and, accordingly, SCDC's undersigned counsel respectfully urges this Court to extend the deadline by which SCDC must file its reply brief until **Monday, January 28, 2019.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



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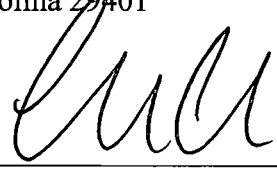
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I certify that I have served the Appellant's **MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE BY WHICH IT MAY FILE ITS REPLY BRIEF** on the above-named Respondent by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, First Class Postage Pre-Paid, to the Respondent's Counsel addressed as follows:

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