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APPEAL FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

Ralph King Anderson, III., *Administrative Law Judge*

Lower Case No. 20-ALJ-04-0283-AP
Appellate Case No. 2020-001628

Hardy Lanier, # 381975,.....Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department of Corrections.....Respondent.

**MOTION TO ENLARGE TIME TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF
RESPONDENT AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

Respondent, by and through the undersigned attorney, respectfully requests additional time to file its initial brief. Respondent needs additional time to respond to Appellant’s appeal and brief due to staff members being covid-19 quarantine protocols. Therefore, Respondent respectfully requests an additional thirty (30) days, to file its Initial Brief and designation of matter in the above-captioned case.

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Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this day I have served a copy of the foregoing **MOTION TO ENLARGE TIME TO FILE ITS INITIAL BRIEF AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER** upon Appellant by email, addressed to:

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RE: Hardy Lanier, #381975, v. South Carolina Department of Corrections
Appellate Case No. 2020-001628

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of **Respondent's Motion to Enlarge Time to File The Initial Brief and Designation of Matter** in the above-referenced case. Please file the original and return a clocked-in copy in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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