IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

CASE NUMBER: SC18-67

CITIZENS FOR STRONG SCHOOLS, INC., et al.,

Lower Tribunal Cases: 1D16-2862; 372009CA004

Petitioners,

Vs.

FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, et al.,

Respondents.

UNOPPOSED JOINT MOTION OF SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE 1998 CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION AND UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF MIAMI, INC. AND UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF BROWARD, PALM BEACH, AND MID-COAST COUNTIES, INC., FOR LEAVE TO FILE THEIR AMICI CURIAE BRIEFS OUT OF TIME DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH E-FILING PORTAL

Several Members of the 1998 Constitution Revision Commission ("Members") and the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., and United Cerebral Palsy of Broward, Palm Beach, and Mid-Coast Counties, Inc. ("UCP") (Members and UCP are collectively referred to as "*amici*"), respectfully move this Court for leave to file out of time *amici curiae* briefs. In support of this Motion, the *amici* state as follows:

- 1. The *amici* were prepared to timely file their briefs on July 30, 2018.
- 2. *Amici*, however, were unable to file the briefs on July 30, through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal. Even after multiple (more than 30) failed attempts, filing was not possible. (*See* Exhibits A-C showing the messages received from the Court's e-filing system throughout the attempts.) This difficulty began at around 6:00 p.m., July 30.
- On July 30, counsel contacted the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal Support ("Portal Support") via email and voicemail explaining their dilemma, but the support office was closed.
- 4. When *Amici* were unable to file the briefs, their counsel served their respective *amici curiae* briefs on all other parties on July 30.
- 5. At 8:00 a.m. on July 31, counsel for *amici* contacted the Florida Supreme Court Clerk's Office. The Clerk's Office acknowledged there was an issue regarding the E-Filing Portal, referred counsel to Portal Support, and indicated the Clerk's office would get back in touch.
- 6. On July 30, Portal Support instructed *amici* to attempt to re-file on July 31. Counsel for amici continued trying to file and UCP's brief was eventually filed as of 11:00 a.m, July 31. Members' brief remains unfiled for unknown technical difficulties.

- 7. Portal Support has not contacted Counsel for Members with a solution at this time. The Clerk's office advised counsel to continue trying to file and to file an appropriate motion with the Court explaining the filing problem.
- 8. Counsel for UCP contacted counsel for petitioners on behalf of UCP and Members. Petitioners' counsel indicated she had no objection to this motion.

Amici respectfully request that this Court grant this motion for leave to file out of

time amici curiae briefs due to technical difficulties with the E-Filing Portal.

Dated: July 31, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I hereby certify that this motion was prepared in Times New Roman 14-point font, in compliance with Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.210(a)(2).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 31, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been furnished by electronic service through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal.

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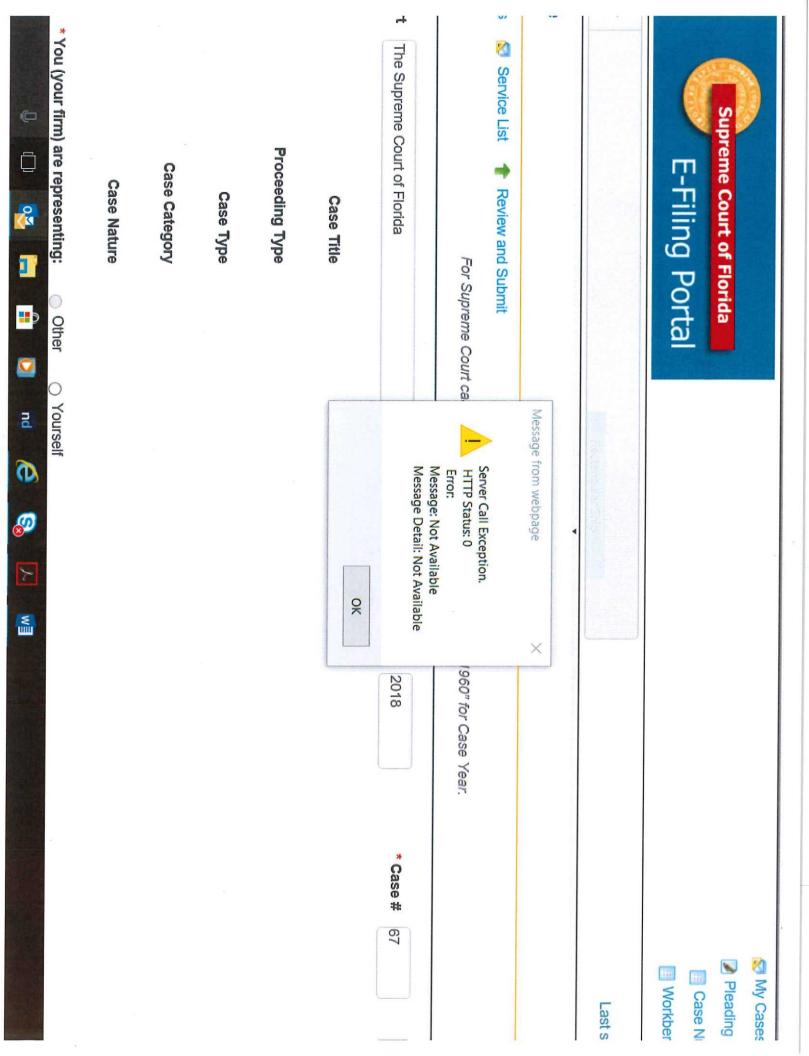


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