BEFORE THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS  

In re JOSEPH GELLER. Extension Request 19-12

SECOND ORDER ON REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

The Commission on Ethics has received a request for a second extension of time to file a CE Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests, on behalf of the above-referenced individual who, as a State Representative for the Florida House of Representatives, was required to file a 2018 CE Form 6 no later than the expiration of the filing grace period, which was September 3, 2019. The Chair previously granted an initial 45-day extension through October 18, 2019. This request for a second extension indicates Mr. Geller needs additional time because he is taking care of his wife, who is continuing her recovery from an emergency triple bypass surgery. Mr. Geller requests an additional ten days to complete the disclosure form.

Section 112.3151, Florida Statutes, allows the Commission to grant, for good cause, an extension of time for filing disclosure. Good cause having been shown, the request is hereby GRANTED, and Mr. Geller shall have until and including October 28, 2019, to file his 2018 CE Form 6. This extension will apply nunc pro tunc to and including October 18, 2019.

DONE AND ORDERED this 25th day of October 2019, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

Date

Kimberly B. Rezanka  
Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

cc: Mr. Joseph Geller, State Representative for the Florida House of Representatives  
Ms. Kimberly Holmes, Financial Disclosure Coordinator
BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re JOSEPH GELLER.                      Extension Request 19-12

ORDER ON REQUEST FOR EXTENSION BY THE CHAIR

The Commission on Ethics has received a request for an extension of time to file a CE
Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests, from the above-referenced individual
who, as a State Representative for the Florida House of Representatives, is required to file a 2018
CE Form 6 no later than the expiration of the grace period, which is September 3, 2019. The
aforementioned request states that Mr. Geller will need additional time because he is taking care
of his wife who recently had emergency triple bypass surgery and his twelve-year child who
recently started school, and is now preparing for the approaching hurricane.

The Commission has delegated to its chair the authority to grant an extension of up to the
statutory maximum of 45 days. Therefore, without a vote of the entire Commission, extensions
granted for good cause shown pursuant to Section 112.3151, Florida Statutes, may not exceed 45
days.

Good cause having been shown, the request is hereby GRANTED, and Mr. Geller shall
have an extension until and including October 18, 2019, which is 45 days from September 3,
2019, to file his 2018 CE Form 6. *Should Mr. Geller require another extension, he should notify
the Commission prior to Monday, October 7, 2019.*
DONE AND ORDERED this 29th day of August, 2019, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

______________________________
Date

______________________________
Kimberly B. Rezanka
Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

cc: Mr. Joseph Geller, State Representative for the Florida House of Representatives
Ms. Kimberly Holmes, Financial Disclosure Coordinator
Gray,

See email below.

Kim

From: Joseph Geller <Joseph.Geller@gmlaw.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 2:34 PM
To: disclosure <disclosure@leg.state.fl.us>
Subject: RE: Form 6 2017

I'm sorry to be a day late, but I was out for the Jewish holiday. If possible, I request another 10 days to complete my disclosure form, both because of my wife's continuing recovery and because of the Jewish holidays. No additional extension is foreseen.

Thank you.
Joseph S. Geller

From: disclosure [mailto:disclosure@leg.state.fl.us]
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 11:34 AM
To: Joseph Geller
Subject: RE: Form 6 2017

Good Morning Mr. Geller,

Attached is a copy of Extension Request 19-12 granted by the Commission's Chair giving you until October 18, 2019 to file your 2018 Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests. If more time is needed, please advise our office prior to October 7, 2019.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Kimberly R. Holmes
Program Administrator
Financial Disclosure Section
Florida Commission on Ethics
P.O. Drawer 15709
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709
(850) 488-7864
(850) 488-3077 (Fax)
[ethics.state.fl.us]

Physical address:
325 John Knox Road
Building E, Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32303

From: Joseph Geller <Joseph.Geller@gmlaw.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 2:17 PM
To: Prine.Emily <PRINE.EMILY@leg.state.fl.us>
Subject: Re: Form 6 2017

It was a pleasure speaking with you today, Ms. Prine.
Thank you for your assistance.
As I told you, I am required to file Form CE 6, since I am a legislator, representing House District 100.
I would like to ask for an extension on the deadline to file my form, and hereby do so.
As I explained, my wife and daughter and I were on vacation in July, when my wife started to feel ill, with shortness of
breath and fatigue.
Upon our return, she went to see her doctor, who immediately ordered her to the ER for tests. The result was that she
had emergency triple bypass surgery on August 1st. Thank God, the surgery went well, and she is recovering at home.
She is better every day, but it is a slow process.
Between taking care of her, helping our 12 year old with the start of school, and now a hurricane approaching, I am a bit
overwhelmed. If it is possible that I could be granted an extension of time to file my Form 6, it would be greatly
appreciated.
Thank you very much for your assistance, and your kind words.
Sincerely,
Joseph S. Geller
House District 100

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 29, 2019, at 1:38 PM, Prine.Emily <PRINE.EMILY@leg.state.fl.us> wrote:

Sincerely,
Emily E. Prine
Program Specialist/Financial Disclosure
850-488-7864
Florida Commission on Ethics
Post Office Drawer 15709
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

<Geller Joseph.pdf>

GREENSPOON MARDER LLP LEGAL NOTICE
The information contained in this transmission may be attorney/client privileged and confidential. It is intended
only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended
recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify us immediately by reply e-mail.

Unless specifically indicated otherwise, any discussion of tax issues contained in this e-mail, including any attachments, is not, and is not intended to be, "written advice" as defined in Section 10.37 of Treasury Department Circular 230.

A portion of our practice involves the collection of debt and any information you provide will be used for that purpose if we are attempting to collect a debt from you.