

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In The Court of Appeals

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SC Court of Appeals

**Walter R. Hoover, Jr., Appellant,**

v.

**Tractor Supply Company, Employer, and Starr Specialty Insurance Company, Carrier,  
Respondents.**

Appeal from the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission

Court of Appeals Docket No. 2025-001248

**APPELLANT'S MOTION TO CLARIFY THE RECORD**

**Filed by:**

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Date: September 17, 2025

Walter R. Hoover, Jr., Appellant, respectfully moves this Court to clarify the record in connection with Respondents' pending Motion to Dismiss.

## **I. Clarification of the Record**

### **A. Notice of Appeal Argument Claim**

Respondents assert:

*"Appellant was notified in writing by the South Carolina Court of Appeals on June 24, 2025, to amend his notice of appeal specifically to include an argument. He refused to do so in blatant disregard of their instructions."*

This is incorrect. The Clerk's June 24, 2025 deficiency letter expressly directed Appellant to file an amended Notice of Appeal "that identifies all of the current appellant(s) and respondent(s) in the caption, and **does not contain any argument.**" South Carolina law is clear: the Notice of Appeal serves to identify the order appealed from, not to present arguments. Appellant complied with the Clerk's instructions and later filed his appellate brief, which contained the required arguments. Thus, Appellant is not eligible for dismissal on this ground, as Respondents' assertion is contradicted by the Clerk's own letter. Respondents submitted the Clerk's June 24, 2025 letter as Exhibit B to their Motion to Dismiss; Appellant attaches it here as Exhibit A for clarity.

### **B. Transcript Deadline Claim**

Respondents further contend that Appellant disregarded transcript requirements, asserting that the Court of Appeals "clearly instructed" Appellant that he **must** serve and file a motion requesting permission to order the transcript outside of the filing deadlines set by Rule 207.

But Respondents present this instruction in isolation, without the full context. The Clerk's July 3, 2025 letter actually stated:

*"Our records reflect that the time for ordering the transcript has expired. Within ten days of the date of this letter, you must file a copy of the letter showing that you have timely ordered the transcript from the court reporter."*

Respondents misread this notice. The letter afforded Appellant ten days to cure the deficiency, not an immediate dismissal. Appellant complied the same day the notice was received, by ordering the transcript and filing proof with the Court well within the ten-day window. The Rule 207 procedure applied only if no timely order had been made, but it was unnecessary because Appellant satisfied the Clerk's primary instruction. Thus, Appellant is not eligible for dismissal on these grounds, as Respondents rely only on a selective and misinterpreted portion of the Clerk's letter. Respondents submitted the July 3, 2025 letter as Exhibit E; Appellant attaches it here as Exhibit B for clarity.

### **C. Extension Inquiry**

Finally, Respondents assert Appellant improperly sought an extension. This misstates the record. Appellant did not file a request for extension. Rather, Appellant inquired by email on August 18, 2025 regarding the proper procedure for filing an extension, if necessary. The correspondence closed with the phrase, "Please advise," showing that Appellant was seeking guidance rather than making a formal motion.

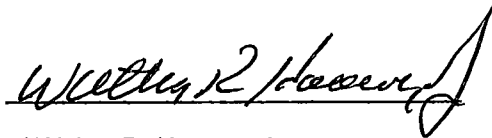
Thus, Appellant is not eligible for dismissal on this ground, as Respondents mischaracterize an inquiry as a motion. Respondents submitted this email as Exhibit H to their Motion to Dismiss; Appellant attaches it here as Exhibit C for clarity.

## II. Relief Requested

For the foregoing reasons, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court:

1. Take judicial notice of the June 24, 2025 and July 3, 2025 Clerk's deficiency letters (Exhibits A and B);
2. Clarify that Appellant complied with all appellate rules and Clerk's instructions concerning the Notice of Appeal, transcript request, and extension inquiry; and
3. Deny Respondents' Motion to Dismiss. Accordingly, dismissal is unsupported, and this appeal should proceed on its merits.

Respectfully submitted this 17 day of September, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter R. Hoover, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

s/ Walter R. Hoover, Jr.

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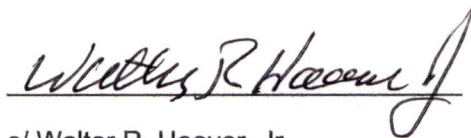
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Appellant's Motion to Clarify the Record, together with Exhibits A–C, upon counsel for Respondents by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

Claudia Y. Piechota, Esq.  
Holder, Padgett, Littlejohn & Prickett, LLC  
945 Houston Northcutt Blvd.  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Dated this 17 day of September, 2025.



s/ Walter R. Hoover, Jr.

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**EXHIBIT A**

Submitted in connection with  
**Appellant's Motion to Clarify the Record**  
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Case No. 2025-001248

Clerk's Deficiency Letter

**June 24, 2025**

(Respondents' Exhibit B to Motion to Dismiss)



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June 24, 2025

Walter R. Hoover  
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Re: Walter R. Hoover, Jr. v. Tractor Supply Company  
Appellate Case No. 2025-001248

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Upon reviewing your notice of appeal, the following deficiencies have been noted under the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), and any deficiency must be corrected within ten (10) days of the date of this letter or this matter will be dismissed:

- The notice of appeal is not in the proper format. You must file an amended notice of appeal that identifies all of the current appellant(s) and respondent(s) in the caption, and does not contain any argument. Your notice of appeal must be substantially in the format shown by Form 1 in Appendix C to Part II of the SCACR.
- The notice of appeal is not accompanied by the order(s) and/or judgment(s) challenged on appeal.
- The required filing fee has not been submitted. **The correct filing fee is \$250.00.**
- A proof of service has not been provided. You must serve and file a proof of service substantially in the format shown by Form 7 in Appendix C to part II of the SCACR. Specifically, you must include the names and contact information for all attorneys of record, the names of the respondent(s) represented by each, and provide a proof of service showing that a copy has

been served on the attorneys for the respondent(s) and the Worker's Compensation Commission as required by Rule 203(b)(6), SCACR.

Very truly yours,

*Catherine Hannibal, deputy*

CLERK

**EXHIBIT B**

Submitted in connection with  
**Appellant's Motion to Clarify the Record**  
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Clerk's Transcript Deficiency Letter  
**July 3, 2025**

(Respondents' Exhibit E to Motion to Dismiss)



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July 03, 2025

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Re: Walter R. Hoover, Jr. v. Tractor Supply Company  
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Dear Mr. Hoover Jr.:

Our records reflect that the time for ordering the transcript has expired. Within ten days of the date of this letter, you must file a copy of the letter showing that you have timely ordered the transcript from the court reporter. If you have not timely ordered the transcript, you must serve and file a motion requesting permission to order the transcript outside of the filing deadlines set by Rule 207 of the SCACR, along with a copy of your letter addressed to the court reporter.

Be sure to copy the Court, the Office of Court Administration and opposing counsel with all correspondence concerning the transcript. The address for Court Administration is as follows:

**South Carolina Office of Court Administration**  
1220 Senate Street, Suite 200  
Columbia, SC 29201

You must advise the Court of the status of the transcript within ten (10) days of the date of this letter, or your appeal will be dismissed.

Very truly yours,

CLERK

cc: Claudia Julia Piechota, Esquire

**EXHIBIT C**

Submitted in connection with  
**Appellant's Motion to Clarify the Record**  
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Appellant's Email Inquiry  
**August 18, 2025**

(Respondents' Exhibit H to Motion to Dismiss)

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**From:** Walter Hoover, Jr  
**To:** Court Of Appeals Filings  
**Cc:** Claudia Piechota  
**Subject:** Extension Request - 2025-001248  
**Date:** Monday, August 18, 2025 2:34:17 PM

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\*\*\* **EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from outside the organization. Please exercise caution before clicking any links or opening attachments. \*\*\*

Good afternoon,

I would like to request an extension on the due date for my PHB for the Court of Appeals. The due date was originally set for August 21, 2025.

SC WCC failed to promptly respond to my request for my full file and caused a delay in getting my records.

This delay was discovered on Friday, when I called Eugenia Hollman at SC WCC to follow up on my records request, which was initially requested on August 8, 2025.

Please advise.

Thank you.