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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

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SC Court of Appeals**

Appeal from the South Carolina Administrative Law Court
The Honorable Crystal M. Rookard, Administrative Law Judge

Stephanie J. Thoele,

Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department of

Employment and Workforce,

Respondent.

ALC Docket No.: 26-ALJ-22-0139-AP

**MOTION TO RECOGNIZE
STATUTORY FEE EXEMPTION**

Appellant Stephanie J. Thoele, proceeding pro se, respectfully moves the Court to recognize the statutory fee exemption provided by S.C. Code Ann. § 41-39-30 and to accept her Notice of Appeal and this motion without payment of any filing fee.

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

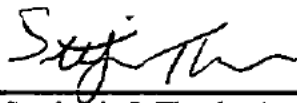
This appeal arises from Appellant's claim for unemployment benefits and seeks review of the Administrative Law Court's Final Order in Docket No. 26-ALJ-22-0139-AP. Section 41-35-750 authorizes an appeal from the Administrative Law Court's decision pursuant to the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules and S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-610. Accordingly, this appeal remains a proceeding under Chapter 35 of Title 41.

Although Rule 203(d)(2)(B)(iii), SCACR, generally requires payment of an appellate filing fee, and Rule 240(d), SCACR, generally requires payment of a motion filing fee, S.C. Code Ann. § 41-39-30 provides that an individual claiming benefits may not be charged a fee by a court in a

proceeding under Chapters 27 through 41 of Title 41. Appellant is an individual claiming unemployment benefits in a proceeding arising under Chapter 35. Therefore, the statutory exemption applies to the filing of both her Notice of Appeal and this motion.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that the Court recognize the statutory fee exemption provided by S.C. Code Ann. § 41-39-30 and accept and file her Notice of Appeal and this motion without payment of any appellate filing or motion fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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I certify that on September 27, 2026, I served true and correct copies of the Notice of Appeal, the attached Final Order, and the Motion to Recognize Statutory Fee Exemption by depositing them in the United States mail with sufficient first-class postage addressed to the following recipients:

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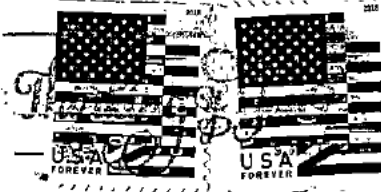


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