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Dear Clerk's Office / Ms. Denesha M. Staley,

I am the appellant, *pro se*, in **Sulaimon Brown v. SCDEW, Appellate Case No. 2026-002155**.

I am writing regarding the automated Filing Fee Deficiency Letter issued on October 5, 2026.

Because this is an appeal of an administrative decision regarding South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (SCDEW) unemployment benefits, this proceeding is entirely exempt from all court filing fees under **S.C. Code Ann. § 41-39-30** (prohibiting fees charged to a claimant by the department "*or by a court or an officer of it*").

This explicit appellate court fee exemption is confirmed by established South Carolina precedent and policy, including:

1. **Appellate Precedent:** *Douglas v. SCDEW*, which recognizes that no filing fee is required for an individual pursuing an unemployment benefits appeal.
2. **Supreme Court / Judicial Branch Policy:** The South Carolina Judicial Branch explicitly lists proceedings brought pursuant to the State Employment Security Law as completely exempt from appellate court filing fees.

Additionally, because there are no trial transcripts from the Administrative Law Court in this matter, I hand-delivered and file-stamped my **Initial Brief of Appellant** (two bound copies, one loose) at the clerk's counter yesterday, October 6, 2026, within my 30-day window.

Could you please manually review my docket to apply the statutory fee exemption, clear the automated deficiency flag, and ensure my Initial Brief filing from yesterday is manually posted to the electronic tracking portal?

Thank you for your time and assistance with this matter.

Respectfully,

Sulaimon Brown
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