

STATEMENT FOR COURT APPEARANCE

YOUR HONOR I AM APPEARING HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY NOT TO CONTEST THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SECTION 9-1-1540(B). I AM MERELY HERE TO ASK THAT MY REQUEST FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM BE RECONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL BASED ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

YOUR HONOR I ORIGINALLY APPLIED FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA RESTIREMENTS SYSTEM ON APRIL 22, 2015. I WAS INFORMED BY SOMEONE AT THE SCRS THAT IN ORDER FOR ME TO BE APPROVED FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS FROM THE SCRS THAT I MUST BE APPROVED FOR DISABILTIY BENEFITS FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.

MY LAST DAY OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WAS OCTOBER 1, 2015 DUE TO BEING UNABLE TO WORK ANY LONGER. ON OCTOBER 13, 2015 I APPLIED FOR SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS WHICH WAS DENIED ON FEBRUARY 12, 2016 AND RECONSIDERED ON MAY 6, 2016 WHICH WAS ALSO DENIED. IN EARLY JUNE 2016 I FILED A WRITTEN

REQUEST FOR HEARING. I APPEARED AND TESTIFIED AT A HEARING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY.

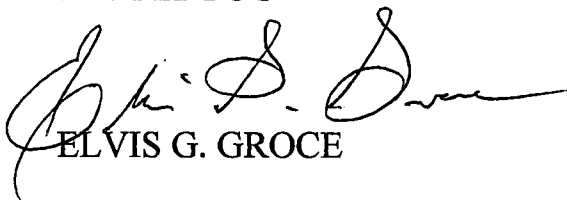
AFTER REVIEWING ALL THE EVIDENCE TO INCLUDE VITAL MEDICAL RECORDS IT WAS CONCLUDED BY THE REVIEWING JUDGE THAT I STILL DID NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS BY LETTER DATED OCTOBER 5, 2016. UPON RECEIVING THIS INFORMATION I REAPPLIED FOR BENEFITS NOT REALIZING THAT ALL PREVIOUS REQUEST AND INFORMATION REGARDING ANY PREVIOUS REQUEST WOULD NOT APPLY. THE COMPLETE PROCESS STARTED OVER ON OCTOBER 6, 2016, AND I WAS AWARDED DISABILITY BENEFITS JUST 5 DAYS AFTER THE ONE YEAR DATE OF MY LAST COVERED EMPLOYMENT.

I BELIEVE THAT THERE COULD HAVE BEEN A DELAY IN PROCESSING THE DENIAL PAPERWORK INVOLVED IN MY CASE THAT COULD HAVE PROLONGED MY OFFICIAL APPROVAL DATE. I AM ASKING FOR A GRACE PERIOD FOR THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO BE RECONSIDERED AND INSTATED. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT I COULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING DIFFERENTLY ON MY PART DURING THIS COMPLETE PROCESS. HONESTLY, I FEEL THAT I DID EVERYTHING

ON MY END THAT I COULD DO. I COULD SEE IF IT WERE 30 DAYS FROM THE DEADLINE, BUT IT IS NOT EVEN A WEEK.

YOUR HONOR I AM A DISABLED MILITARY VETERAN WITH 23 AND A HALF YEARS OF HONORABLE SERVICE. I HAVE WORKED IN SOME COMPACTY IN THE WORK FORCE SINCE I WAS 13 YEARS OF AGE AND MY INTERGITY HAS NEVER COME INTO QUESTION. I BELIEVE I WOULD STILL BE WORKING HAD I NOT STARTED TO EXPERIENCE DECLINING HEALTH ISSUES IN 2015. AGAIN, I AM NOT QUESTIONING THE LAW, I AM SIMPLY ASKING THAT MY CASE BE LOOKED AT INDIVIDUALLY AND FOR YOU TO PLEASE REVIEW AND RECONSIDER INSTATING MY DISABILITY BENEFITS.

THANK YOU

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elvis G. Groce".

ELVIS G. GROCE
APPELLANT