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Workers' Compensation Commission

November 2, 2015

Mr. Michael B. Simmons
2245 Kenny Court
Columbia, SC 29204

Re: WCC File# 1112442

Dear Mr. Simmons:

This is in response to your letter received in my office on October 29, 2015 addressed to Governor Nikki Haley and me regarding your workers' compensation claim and request for a new hearing.

A review of our records reveals that at the hearing on July 15, 2015, prior to the start of the hearing, you requested a continuance in order to retain an attorney. Per Interim Order dated July 25, 2015, Commissioner McCaskill approved a hearing continuance for 30 days to afford you the opportunity to retain an attorney. A hearing was conducted on August 19, 2015 before Commissioner McCaskill. At that hearing, you appeared pro se. As of this date, an Order has not been issued. Upon your receipt of the final Order signed by Commissioner McCaskill, you will have fourteen days to file an appeal of the Order to the Full Commission. To appeal the Order of the Commissioner, you may complete the enclosed Form 30 and submit it to the address as indicated on the form. There is a required filing fee of \$150.00 when filing the Form 30. If you qualify you may be granted a waiver of the \$150.00 filing fee. To request a waiver of the filing fee, complete the enclosed Form 32 and return it along with the Form 30 at the mailing address shown on the form.

Should you have any questions or require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary M. Cannon". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Gary M. Cannon
Executive Director

c: The Honorable Governor Nikki R. Haley

2245 Kenny Court
Columbia, SC 29204

October 26, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

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Subject: SC Worker's Compensation Commission, Commissioner Gene McCaskill

Dear Governor Haley and Mr. Cannon,

I had an hearing before the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission on July 15, 2015 at 10:00am presided by Commissioner McCaskill. During this hearing I asked Commissioner McCaskill if I could see the doctor because my left ankle and Achilles tendon are still hurting. Commissioner McCaskill stated that he would let me know at the next hearing.

During the next hearing on August 19, 2015 at 2:15pm, I again asked Commissioner McCaskill if I could go to the doctor concerning my left ankle and Achilles tendon. He replied that I could go if I paid for it.

I became hurt on the job. I am requesting a new hearing with someone who is impartial. Commissioner McCaskill and Michael W. Burkett, the Attorney for Key Risk, are good friends. As of today, I still have not received anything about the hearing or concerning me seeing a doctor.

It is going on four months. My blood work came back from my General Practitioner and it does not look good. I am unable to perform duties at work or do the activities I used to do because of the damage to my ankle and Achilles tendon caused by the on the job accident and surgery.

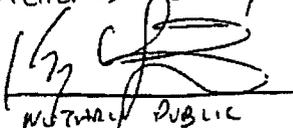
I would really appreciate if your team could let me know when I can see a doctor. I am still hurting and experiencing some swelling in my ankle and Achilles tendon when I exercise. Exercise is a part of my daily life and my career. I have been regulated to light duty by Dr. Ryan M. Putnam.

Sincerely,



Michael B. Simmons

cc: Gary M. Cannon, Executive Director

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