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Mr. Smith,

I emailed you on March 17th with the information below but I have not heard anything back from you on this issue. Mr. Cooke has not heard anything from you either or DEW about this issue. What do I need to do to help Mr. Cooke resolve this?

Sincerely,

Dave Hemmingsen

**If a man won't look you in the eye**

**He is hiding something in his soul**

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Mr. Smith,

A business associate of mine is having an issue with DEW and has exhausted all of his options and asked for my help in getting it resolved. He has until the end of April to get this worked out. You assisted me in the past and I hope you can help him resolve his issue this time.

This is the issue as told to me:

Denny Cooke owns Carolina Labor Group Inc. in Lake City SC. His secretary/bookkeeper of 8 years got cancer and was being treated with medication and began to make errors in their booking and payments. She has since left the company. During this time the company office moved from Pawley's Island back to Lake City. When CLG made the next quarter payment they were informed that they were \$1200 in arrears. CLG owed \$1200 past due in unemployment payments. Notices from DEW were sent to the old Pawley's Island address and were returned not delivered. CLG was informed by DEW that their unemployment rate would increase from the lowest rate to the highest rate because of the past due amount and received a notice that he owed \$40,000 instead of the normal \$1200. Mr. Cooke and his lawyer discussed the issue with DEW. Mr. Cooke was advised by DEW to pay the \$1200 in arrears and that he would receive the new bill for \$40,000. Mr Cooke was then told that once DEW received payment for the \$1200 CLG would receive a credit for the \$40,000 and his unemployment rate would return to normal. CLG paid the \$1200 immediately. CLG received the bill for \$40,000 but has never received the credit for \$40,000. Mr. Cooke and his tax lawyer have made numerous calls to DOR, who tried very hard to help, and to DEW who has not rectified the issue.

In my humble opinion, going from \$1200 to \$40,000 in fees sounds exorbitant. I do know one fact, CLG will not be able to stay in business paying \$40,000 in unemployment fees. I am not sure what you can do to help but any assistance would be greatly appreciated.