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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed you will find a letter I wrote over a year ago. And here it is a year & a half later and I'm writing again. November 20, 2015 will be 5 years of me fighting to get my disability. There are individuals younger than I whom are getting disability for minor injuries. Some that I know personally whom haven't graduated from high school, nor worked a job in their lifetime. But here you have me, who has been working since of legal age to work. Having all these complications and still fighting the system just to get disability. After being able to walk again, I still maintain having partial paralysis in my right leg. I'm also a candidate for thermoplasty surgery for chronic asthma. Currently I'm awaiting approval from my insurance. Life for me isn't just bitter sweet, it's HARD. I still can't do things for myself that's an embarrassment to ask others to assist me in doing. I really don't understand how I can continue on with the situation I am forced to live with. On November 05, 2015 I had my first out of three Bronchial Thermoplasty surgery. I have had some more of my nerves damaged since walking. I had a nerve conduction study in October 2015. Dr. Kelly Kohlema performed that test to submit back to Dr. Thomas Duc. My bladder has began weakening in which I am not sure when I have to go to the restroom until I have began having leakage. I just wish someone would help me. I am told I am being denied due to age. So what about my sickness, my illness, my condition and everything else. I'm asking for help only because I need it. I have three children that has needs that I can't help with. I didn't ask to be here. In fact I was enjoying helping people with disabilities, now I'm literally6 disabled myself. No one knows how I feel being 30 and being knocked off their feet now I'm 36 and not proud at all to say I have to wear adult briefs due to incontinence. I can't put on my shoes unless they're slide ins, I can barely clean myself after toileting, my legs has severe clonis along with hyperactive reflexes, I have severe muscle spams, I have no balance, and nerve issues to go along with that. I have been told that I've reached my end, that there's nothing to do because they've done all they can do, that I will continue to have this problem that I will just have to treat me PRN. I am on routine antibiotics, in which can cause kidney failure as I have had in October 2009 to treat to outbreaks of recurrent MRSA. I am asking, begging, and pleading for assistance.

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To Whom It May Concern,

I have been instructed to send a letter of hardship in reference to my case. I am truly struggling. I can barely make it to appointments without decent transportation. My husband finally brought us a vehicle to have the necessary transportation. I am currently residing with my mother who makes it difficult for us to live. My home was destroyed in a fire in July 2012. I have not been able to get back on my feet nor in my own home since. My husband makes \$8.00/hr and only works part time hours. By time we help contribute to bills we are left with nothing. Nothing to buy our kids the things they need. We have three kids, ages 9, 10, 15. My 9 & 10 year old sleeps on my mother's sofa in the living room. My oldest sleeps in a limited space room. I also have needs that require attention but not fortunate enough to do so. I ask you to please help me with my case. I need a home as soon as possible. This is not comfortable nor healthy for me or my family. The room my husband and I sleep in is too small to assist with all my daily needs. I am pleading with everyone to please help me. Thanks so much and I really appreciate it all.

MY NAME IS RAYNETTE E. BROWN. I AM 36 YEARS OLD. I HAVE BEEN APPPYLING FOR DISABILITY SINCE NOVEMBER 2010. HERE'S MY LIFE STORY. ON AUGUST 21, 2009 MY ENTIRE LIFE WAS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN. I CONTRACTED THE INFECTION MRSA TO MY LEFT THIGH AND MY LEFT JAW. I WAS PUT ON THE ANTIBIOTIC BACTRIM FOR SEVEN DAYS TO KILL THE INFECTION. ON SEPTEMBER 06, 2009 I BEGAN TO EXPERIENCE CHEST PAINS FOR TWO DAYS. WHEN I WENT TO THE ER (CAROLINAS HOSPITAL SYSTEMS IN FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA) I WAS TOLD I HAD A PULMONARY EMBOLISM (PE) AND DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS (DVT). SO I WAS ADMITTED EARLY THAT WEDNESDAY MORNING. THAT FOLLOWING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2009, I GOT UP TO USE THE RESTROOM. UPON RETURNING TO MY BED I LOST THE FEELING TO MY RIGHT LEG. SO THE HOSPITALIST (DR. KATHERINE TILLIAN-HSIA) CAME AND CALLED IN A NEUROSURGEON (DR. CHRISTOPHER PARAMORE). HE EXPLAINED TO ME THAT HE HAD TO DRAW FLUID OFF MY SPINE TO SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON. AFTER THE LAB RESULTS CAME BACK, BOTH DR. TILLIAN-HSIA AND DR. PARAMORE CAME BACK IN THE ROOM WITH DISTURBING NEWS. DR. PARAMORE SAID THAT THE MRSA HAD TRAVELED IN MY BLOODSTREAM TO THE THORACIC AREA OF MY BACK. HE STATED THAT THERE WAS NO TIME FOR ME TO MAKE A DECISION AND THAT THE DECISION COULDN'T BE MADE BY ME. HE SAID I ONLY HAD ENOUGH TIME FOR HIM TO GATHER A SURGICAL TEAM. I LOOKED UP AT DR. TILLIAN-HSIA I ASKED WAS I GOING TO BE PARALYZED AND SHE TOLD ME SHE COULDN'T ANSWER THAT, THAT IT WAS A 50/50 CHANCE. I THEN BEGAN TO CRY AS MY HUSBAND CALLED MY FAMILY. I ALSO HAD TO HAVE AN IVC FILTER PLACED IN ME SO THAT THE BLOOD CLOTS COULDN'T GET IN MY LUNGS. ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2009, I THEN GOT TRANSFERRED TO CAROLINAS REHAB. ON OCTOBER 01, 2009 I GOT ENTIRELY SICK AND WAS TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE MAIN HOSPITAL. ONLY TO FIND OUT THAT MY KIDNEYS WERE FAILING. I HAD ALSO LOST BLOOD AND HAD TO HAVE A BLOOD TRANSFUSION. ON OCTOBER 12, 2009 I WAS TRANSFERRED BACK TO CAROLINAS REHAB. I COULDN'T SEE MY KIDS BECAUSE THEY COULD HAVE PICKED UP ON THE INFECTION. ON OCTOBER 27, 2009 I WAS THEN SENT HOME. I BEGAN INPATIENT THERAPY. SOON AFTER I BEGAN TO REGAIN MY FEELINGS. MY HUSBAND HAD TO LEARN TO CATER TO ME BECAUSE THE NERVES WASN'T FUNCTIONING PROPERLY. OVER THE YEARS I HAVE BEEN DENIED DISABILITY. EVEN WITH MY ATTORNEY. BECAUSE OF MY ILLNESS I SUFFER A LOT MORE THAN I EVER DID. I TRIED GIVING UP, I'VE TRIED DYING BUT NOTHING SEEMED TO WORK SO I PUSHED FORWARD. IN JANUARY 2009 THE IVC FILTER WAS REMOVED. I WAS TOLD BY DR. CHARLES STONEROCK THAT LEAVING THE FILTER IN COULD CAUSE SCARRED TISSUES. I BEGAN OUTPATIENT THERAPY IN DECEMBER 2009. INDEED I LEARNED HOW TO WALK BUT I WAS TOLD I MAY NEVER REGAIN MY BALANCE. I HAVE WORKED SINCE I HAVE BEEN OF LEGAL AGE TO DO SO. I ONCE HELD 3 JOBS BECAUSE I LIKED TO WORK. HEALTHCARE WAS MY FIELD OF INTEREST. SO IN 1999, I DEDICATED MYSELF TO THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY. WHEN I BEGAN TO WALK AGAIN I WENT BACK TO WORK IN MARCH 2010 ON LIGHT DUTY. IN MAY 2010 I RETURNED TO THE DORMED I WORKED IN. IN NOVEMBER 2010 I BEGAN TO HAVE A RELAPSE WELL THAT'S WHAT THE DOCTOR SAID ANYWAY. SO ONCE AGAIN I WAS PUT OUT OF WORK. THEY APPROVED ME FOR MY RETIREMENT DISABILITY BECAUSE THE LAWS I AM DISABLE. I JUST HAD A REVIEW IN JANUARY 2014 AND THEY STATED THAT I WAS STILL DISABLE IN THEIR CATEGORY. I JUST CAN'T BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND WHY CAN'T I GET APPROVED FOR DISABILITY. USUALLY I HAVE 3-6 INFECTIONS A YEAR. LAST YEAR I HAD 19 INFECTIONS. THIS YEAR I HAVE 12 SO FAR. WHENEVER I GET THESE INFECTIONS I HAVE TO ISOLATE MYSELF FROM EVERYTHING AND EVERYBODY. THEY HAVE TOLD ME THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN A CASE LIKE MINE AND MY CASE IS VERY FRAGILE. I SEE RANDOM DOCTORS. I CAN'T WALK LONG

DISTANCES. NOW I AM BACK IN PHYSICAL THERAPY BECAUSE I HAVE BEGAN TO FALL LATELY. I HAVE NEVER RECEIVED DISABILITY NOR HAVE I EVER RECEIVED ANY UNEMPLOYMENT. I AM NOT TRYING TO GET OVER ON THE SYSTEM. THERE ARE PEOPLE YOUNGER THAT I AM THAT HAVE MINIMAL ILLNESSES BUT ARE RECEIVING DISABILITY. ME MYSELF I CAN'T GET AN APPROVAL. I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING THIS THING TOOTH AND NAIL AND THE SYSTEM STILL WON'T HELP. I HAVE THREE CHILDREN THAT I CAN BARELY PROVIDE FOR. I LOST MY HOME TO A FIRE IN JULY 2012 AND HAVE BEEN STAYING HERE WITH MY MOTHER SINCE. AND I DON'T WANT TO OVERWHELM MYSELF IN HER HOME. I NEED MY OWN HOME. MY HUSBAND IS WORKING BUT WE HAVE TO HELP MY MOTHER PAY HER BILLS BEING THAT WE'RE STAYING WITH HER AND BELIEVE ME SHE DRYS US OUT. MY KIDS ARE HAVING TO START SCHOOL LATE BECAUSE WE CAN'T AFFORD THEIR SHOES AT THE MOMENT. I AM ON SO MANY MEDS, I HAVE SO MANY ISSUES. I JUST REALLY WANT TO GET MY DISABILITY APPROVED. SO THAT I CAN DO MORE WITH MY KIDS AS A FAMILY. IF YOU CAN PLEASE REVIEW MY CASE I REALLY WOULD APPRECIATE IT. I HAVE LISTED MY ILLNESSES BELOW I AM ALSO SENDING YOU PICTURES OF MY INFECTIONS AND WHAT EFFECTS THEY HAVE ON MY BODY. NO ONE CAN TELL ME WHY AND I HAVE TO STAY ON ROUTINE ANTIBIOTICS WHICH CAN DAMAGE MY LIVER WHICH THROWS ME INTO MY NEPHROLOGIST'S OFFICE. SO IT'S ALWAYS A LOSE SITUATION. IF I CAN'T BE AROUND MY FAMILY WHEN I HAVE AN OUTBREAK WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT I CAN BE IN A JOB SETTING? JUST THINK THIS IS AN ONGOING SITUATION FOR ME. I AM NOT ONE TO BE SOLELY RELYING ON THE SYSTEM I'M JUST NOT PHYSICALLY ABLE TO WORK IN MY CONDITION. THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

SO HERE'S A LIST OF MY ILLNESSES:

- 1. CHRONIC ASTHMA**
- 2. HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE**
- 3. DEPRESSION**
- 4. MUSCLE SPASMS**
- 5. HYPERACTIVE REFLEXES**
- 6. CLONIS**
- 7. CHRONIC PAIN**
- 8. RECURRENT MRSA INFECTIONS**
- 9. SLEEP DISORDER**
- 10. HIGH CHOLESTOROL**
- 11. DIABETES**
- 12. ALLERGIES/SINUS**
- 13. KIDNEY FAILURE-WHICH HAS BEEN CORRECTED**

<u>MEDS</u>	<u>MG/MCG</u>	<u>HOW OFTEN</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>PRESCRIBER</u>
AMITRYPTILINE	50MG	1X NIGHTLY	SLEEP DISORDER	DR. PEREIRA
NEBULIZER	2.5MG/3ML	3X DAILY	ASTHMA	DR. ZEBIAN
SYMBICORT	160/4.5 MCG	2PUFFS 2X DAILY	ASTHMA	DR. ZEBIAN
PRO AIR	8.5G	PRN	ASTHMA	DR. ZEBIAN
NEXIUM	40MG	1X DAILY	ACID REFLUX	DR. PEREIRA
VENLAFAXINE	75MG	1 TAB 2X DAILY	DEPRESSION	DR. PEREIRA
GABAPENTIN	800MG	1 TAB 4X DAILY	MUSCLE SPASMS	DR. PEREIRA
MONTELUKAST	10MG	1X DAILY	ALLERGIES	DR. ZEBIAN
LISINOPRIL	10-12.5MG	1X DAILY	HYPERTENSION	DR. ZEBIAN
CETIRIZINE	10MG	1X DAILY	ALLERGIES	DR. ZEBIAN
METFORMIN	500MG	1 TAB 2X DAILY	TYPE 2 DIABETES	DR. PEREIRA
SPIRIVA	18MCG	1X DAILY	ASTHMA	DR. ZEBIAN
NORCO	7.5/325MG	1TAB 3X DAILY	PAIN	DR. PEREIRA
SLOW-MAG	60MG	1TAB 1X DAILY	MAGNESIUM	DR. DUC
MINOCYCLINE	100MG	1 TAB 2X DAILY	INFECTION	DR. CHAVEZ
HIBICLENS	12OZ	2X DAILY	DECOLONIZATION	DR. CHAVEZ
BUTRANS	5MCG/HOUR	1X WEEKLY	PAIN	DR. DUC
TOPIRAMATE	50MG	1X NIGHTLY	HEADACHES	L. STUKES
ATORVASTATIN	10MG	1X NIGHTLY	CHOLESTOROL	L. STUKES

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*****ALSO HAD A BLOOD TRANSFUSION IN OCTOBER 2009*****

ALLERGIES

PHENERGAN & SHELLFISH

<u>Physician</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Dr. William Aldrich WC	Colonial Family Practice	1036 Professional Court Manning, SC 29102	(803) 433-5220	Family Physician, Current WC Physician
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Dr. Thomas Duc WC	CDB Medical	8 Farmfield Ave Charleston SC 29507	(843) 266-9298	Pain Mangement
Dr. Fahran Maqsood WC	Pee Dee Nephrology	1100 E. Cheves St Florence SC 29506	(843) 669-6694	Kidney and Bladder Infections
Dr. Temujin Chavez WC	Carolinas Infectious Disease	805 Pamplico Hwy Florence SC 29505	(843) 674-6400	MRSA Infections
Dr. Rami Zebian	South Carolina Cardiovascular	805 Pamplico Hwy Florence SC 29505	(843) 676-2760	Asthma, Sinus, Allergies
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Dr. Fahran Maqsood WC	Pee Dee Nephrology	1100 E. Cheves St Florence SC 29505	843-6696694	Kidney Specialist
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