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**To:** Cheryl.Stanton@dew.sc.gov; Haley, Nikki; SCHSDISTRICT118@aol.com  
**Subject:** Please look at this case and explain why this is possible

Dear Ms. Stanton,

I am writing to you because I am very upset by the ruling of your department regarding my application for temporary unemployment benefits.

Monetarily, I am eligible for benefits. I have been working and paying and that is not the issue.

The issue is that my company cut my hours for November and December. I fully expect for hours to pick back up in January. Your application does not adequately provide for answers along these lines. I was denied benefits because I truthfully answered that I was not available for full time employment, as I am still working for my current employer and was not willing to quit my job to look for a full time position.

I have been applying for temporary part time employment during this slow time, even going on two interviews recently. Yet I am not available for some temporary assistance.

I cannot believe that your agency would require someone to quit a job to look for full time employment to be able to get benefits. I was honest in my application and my appeals interview. I have been working and paying taxes for the past 35 years. There is so much fraud and abuse in the system, illegals getting benefits and so on, but when an honest tax paying citizen needs some temporary help and has paid into the system, there is nothing. I didn't even apply for Hurricane Matthew relief, even though I didn't get paid, as I figured that maybe there were people more deserving and I managed to struggle through even though I lost my freezer and fridge worth of food, a couple of trees and couldn't meet the deductible on insurance.

I guess not only can we forget about Christmas, we can only hope that payment arrangements can be made for our utilities. And forget about property taxes being due in January, no arrangements to be made there, and exorbitant late fees for us poor people who are struggling through.

Thank you for your time and attention, I am looking forward to a response.

Merry Christmas,

Tracey Baldwin

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