

<p align="center"><b>APPEAL UNDER THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT ACT OR THE RAILROAD UNEMPLOY- MENT INSURANCE ACT</b></p> <p>IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ FORM HA-2 BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM</p>	PRINT NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
			RRB CLAIM NUMBER (R.R.A. Appeals Only)
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	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

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- A.  I hereby appeal the reconsideration decision reported in a letter dated \_\_\_\_\_
- B.  I hereby appeal the hearings officer's decision reported in a letter dated \_\_\_\_\_

**This appeal is based on what I believe to be mistakes of fact or errors of law. Details of these mistakes are as follows:**

(ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

I INTEND TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AS FOLLOWS: (if none, so state)

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<p><b>IF CLAIMANT IS REPRESENTED:</b></p> <p>Name of Representative _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Phone No. (      ) _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Attorney      <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Attorney</p>	<p><b>SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT</b> _____</p> <p><b>DATE SIGNED</b> _____</p> <p>IF THIS APPEAL IS FILED BY A PERSON OTHER THAN CLAIMANT, STATE RELATIONSHIP TO THE CLAIMANT BELOW:</p> <p align="center">(EXECUTOR, ADMINISTRATOR, GUARDIAN, ETC.)</p>
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