

**United States Court of Appeals**  
**FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

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No. 97-3416

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Elmer B. Hunter,

Appellant,

v.

Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner  
of Social Security,

Appellee.

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Appeal from the United States  
District Court for the  
Western District of Missouri.

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Submitted: May 14, 1998

Filed: June 2, 1998

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Before BOWMAN, Chief Judge, HEANEY and HANSEN, Circuit Judges.

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PER CURIAM.

Elmer B. Hunter appeals from the decision of the District Court<sup>1</sup> affirming the decision of the Commissioner denying Hunter's claims for supplemental security income benefits based on disability. Having considered the submissions of the parties and the record, we conclude that the Commission's decision is supported by substantial evidence on the record as a whole and that an opinion would lack precedential value.

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<sup>1</sup>The Honorable Nanette K. Laughrey, United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

We therefore forego discussion and affirm on the basis of the District Court's entirely adequate opinion.

AFFIRMED. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.

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