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Dear Governor Haley,

I first want to congratulate you on your success in being able to be our governor AGAIN!! I pray that you and your staff will be able to continue to turn our state around.

I am basically pleading with you to help me!! I have been diagnosed with several things that unfortunately have made it impossible for me to work. I have two doctors that have written letters stating this and so, I have applied for disability. I have been denied twice and am now, since April, waiting on a court date for a judge to determine to grant it. I have three concerns and they are as follows:

1. When a doctor (two in my case) has determined that I cannot work, WHY have I been denied twice?
2. WHY do the state and or judge determine my fate?
3. WHY does this process of disability take two years or more?

The conditions that I have include interstitial cystitis (and all the details that I won't go into with this), depression, borderline personality disorder and PTSD (from rape at gunpoint here in this state). I have tried to work throughout the years and the longest I have held a job was five years. Trust me, I would rather work, but between all the doctor appointments, treatments, FMLA, panic attacks and pain it is just impossible. I am fighting with my long term disability carrier, Prudential, that my work has and I am fighting with the disability board. I have gotten Binder and Binder to "help" because they don't need any money up front and take money if I am deemed disabled. I am tired of fighting. I just want to give up. If it weren't for my husband, I would be literally living on the streets. Since I cannot work, our income has decreased, needless to say. I know that I didn't make very much to begin with, but every little bit helps. If something happens to my husband or our marriage, I am sunk. Just because the money stops coming in, doesn't mean the bills stop!!

I'm at the end of my rope. I am in pain 24/7 and NOONE should have to fight this long to get an answer from the disability board. I

don't think it is right or fair that if a doctor deems you unable to work, that a person should have their lives decided by a judge.

Please, can you do anything to help or expedite this process?

Please feel free to contact me if you can help in any way or point me to someone who can help.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Orlikowski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "K" and "O".

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