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Dear Governor Haley,

My name is Elizabeth R Knox. I am the protector for my two great grandchildren Haley Guyton and Avery Guyton. Their mother, Kurstin E Capell who does not have a permanent place to live, a job or a car has custody of the girls. She plans on taking the girls to Bluffton, SC to live with my daughter Kathryn E Hayes after Haley gets out of school. My daughter won't let her come unless she brings the girls so that she will still get food stamps for them. I do not feel that they should go because my granddaughter Haley and my daughter do not get along and she would be treated badly. Also, Haley doesn't want to go she wants to stay with me in a stable and clean home. My daughter is not a good housekeeper. I want to know why grandparents have no rights to keep their grandchildren when they are taking care of them and paying for everything. I can't take them to the doctor, dentist, etc. without dragging their mother along. If she is not available then I have to pay out of pocket to get their eye's checked etc.

She had a complaint against her by her other grandmother and DSS made her take a drug test. She failed the test and I was told by her sister Kelsey Capell that the only reason that DSS did not take the children is because she was not living with me. Why does she still have custody? I want to know why I can't get full custody of the girl's? I can't afford to get an attorney and fight for them. Kurstin will never change. She does drugs, steals and lies about everything. She stole my credit card and if I had not found it missing I don't know how much she would have run it up to. If you check her background you will see what I mean.

I work a full time job. Avery, stays with a Baby sitter that is only three miles from work so that I can get to her quickly if she gets sick. My sister Gloria McDowell keeps Haley after school for me until I get home from work. I make sure that my girls only stay with people I know and can trust.

I do not feel that your DSS Department is doing a very good job and you need to step in and make some changes. I hope that you can help me.

Sincerely,



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