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Message:

Dear Governor Haley,

I know you're busy so I'll try to be brief. Years ago my back was injured on the job. After three spinal operations / two fusions I'm on total disability. After all that, I met the love of my life and got married. Now my wife of 8 years works at Lowes. She's been there over 5 years but still part time with no benefits and gets only 12 to 18 hours per week. She's tried numerous times for a full time position but to no avail. Even though she's trained most everyone in her department that got a full time position.

Recently her appendix burst and impacted. Our doctor in Lugoff put her in Kershaw County Health. One of the doctors said it looked like it had burst almost a week before. Then she got pneumonia the second or third day of her stay and was in the hospital for 15 days. She still has a touch of pneumonia but is back at work.

Now the truly embarrassing part. Back when I was working I made good money. But now, not so much and we're barely making ends meet. My question is, are there any state programs that can help us. Kershaw County Health said there was nothing they could do because we live in Sumter County and they are in Camden / Kershaw County. We are in debt to them for over \$82,000.00. That's over three times more than what we have in the bank and on disability I'm only bringing in \$1,015.00 per month. After paying bills, we basically live on \$400.00 per month with what she makes working part time. She tried last year or so to get insurance through the A.C.A. but her deductible was almost six thousand dollars and her monthly payments were more than she makes. She would be working just to pay her health insurance.

So please, any information and help is greatly appreciated. I don't know where else to turn and I'm almost at the end of my first week quitting smoking. So I apologize for any type-o's.

Sincerely, Michael Dean (803) 506-8303