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Ms. Veldran,

Ms. Gillum has asked me to review this case and I am currently in touch with the appropriate staff to follow up. Do you have a contact number for Ms. Grayson?

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Mary Grayson per Governor Haley

Dear Ms. Veldran

My husband (Thomas T.J. Grayson) spoke with Governor Haley yesterday in Charleston and she requested that I send you an email in reference to there conversation.

My name is Mary Grayson and my children were taken by DSS in Greenwood County by a Judge's request. I would like to give you a brief back story before I get to my main issue. My mother Edith Robertson filed for emergency custody of my children due to drug use. Her accusations are completely false and due to a hair strand test were proven to be false. She accused me of being on Meth, cocaine, Molly and different types of pills. My hair strand test came back with less than 2 Nano grams of THC. I am not a drug addict and was stressed when my Mother evicting me from my own home with fraudulent documents, and yes I do admit to smoking some Marijuana. Yes I know this was wrong but I did not do this around my children. The Judge in this case could not make a decision because I refused to et my mother have custody because her husband Wesley

Robertson sexually abused me for 5 years in her home. I have court documents were my Father Charles Scott Dysart gained emergency custody of me due to this fact. However the county were this occurred do not have any records of any investigation on these charges, but in the court documents they said they investigated it accusations 3 times. I can not let my children live in that environment.

My children were taken away from me Monday 10/20/14 by Greenwood County DSS. I was able to pack them some clothes and explain what had happened before they were taken. I had a visit with them on 10/29/14. They had a rash from what looked to me as bed bugs all over their body and complained of itching. My middle child also had what looked like ring worm on her arm and hand. Tatum who is 4 has sever Asthma and RAD. For her to have this rash all over her body id dangerous. She could go into anaphylactic shock and could die if not treated. Their clothes were dingy and they looked exhausted. All they could ask me on this visit is why I did not want them anymore. That was more than Heartbreaking for me to hear and have to explain I want them more than anything. DSS has been dragging their feet on this and have told me and my father that they would have never taken my children for smoking weed but with the other accusations they had no choice. They have drug tested me and with such a low level of THC in my hair strand they know I am not abusing drugs. They have the decision to give me my children back but now they are saying it could be 45-60 days before I may get them back.

I am not a bad person. I am a single mother of three beautiful girls and I am a full time student at Piedmont Tech. pursuing a degree in nursing. I have family support from my Husband, Father, Step-Mother and Brother whom all help me with my girls so I can finish school and support my family

I feel like for some reason they are making an example of me and holding my children from me with no merit. I fear for the health and safety of my children being in DSS custody. I am begging Governor Haley to help me get my children home safe and healthy. My family are supporters of Governor Haley and do not like the negative ads Vincent Sheheen has out there.

I am pleading for help from Governor haley.

Sincerely,

Mary Grayson

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