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See attached e-mail.

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Cc: Senator Lindsey Graham
Subject: Senator Lindsey Graham

Sender's IP address = 192.138.77.36
<APP>SCCMail
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<FIRST>Timothy</FIRST>
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<WPHONE>803-348-7617</WPHONE>
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<ISSUE>ASSISTANCE</ISSUE>

<>Yes, I would like a written response.</>
<MSG>I request your assistance in securing extended care for my sister, Carol Brandt, or your recommendation as how to best proceed to secure long term care for her.

My sister, Carol Brandt, was born 9 September 1966 with arthrogryposis, a rare congenital disorder that is characterized by multiple joint contractures and includes extreme muscle weakness and fibrosis. This condition has affected all her limbs and she has never been able to use her arms or legs; she is confined to a wheelchair and she has been totally dependent on our parents for all of her care.

My parents are Henry and Rose Brandt, 78 and 76 years old respectively. Henry is a retired Lutheran Pastor of 43 years and Rose has and continues to run the household, she has always stayed at home to care for my sister. The two of them have managed very well for the past 42 years with little assistance but are to the point of not being able to do the things they once did.

On Tuesday, 21 APR 09, at approximately 1335 Carol fell out of her wheelchair and broke her hip and both legs. She was taken by ambulance to Newberry Memorial Hospital and admitted. Her injuries would have require surgery if she were not handicapped; the medical staff felt it was in her best interest not to perform surgery due to her condition and the fact her bones are small and weak. Their concern is her bones are not strong enough to hold the devices needed to stabilize them. (She has bones of a 6 year old with little bone density.)

The Drs recommend her staying in the hospital until they are able to manage her pain, and then send her to a rehabilitation clinic for 6 weeks or until her bones have healed enough for her to return home or another care facility. In order for her to relieve her bodily functions the Dr said it would take 3-4 personnel: 2 to roll her, one to stabilize her legs and hip, and one to position the bedpan. (Not an easy task for trained personnel much less my parents and an occasional aide.) Then comes the personal hygiene and you can imagine the challenge and risks involved with that. If her hygiene is not maintained the risk of infection is very high and could turn into a fatal situation

The hospital social worker indicated Carol would not be eligible to go to a rehabilitation clinic due to her extreme condition, no mobility. With that, my parents started contacting care facilities to find one that would accept her and found one in White Rock, SC: Lowman Home. The medical coordinator and social workers from Lowman Home evaluated Carol's condition and care needs and determined they (Lowman Home) would be able to provide for her long term care and accepted her. On Monday, 4 May 09, Carol was to move to the Lowman Home but before moving har, my parents were contacted by Lowman Home and informed that Carol would not be accepted. This change appeared to have been initiated by the financial manager and administrative staff. The staff said this decision was made due to DHEC requirements but the conversation indicated otherwise.

I realize the intent of Lowman Home/DHEC's decision is to insure Carol receives the best possible care; but, the level of care at the Lowman Home would far exceed that which Carol would receive at home. It would seem to me a 90% solution is better than a 45% solution. Just staying with Carol in the hospital has had a negative impact on Mamma's and Daddy's health and well being, mental and physical. (Mama is partially blind and Daddy had quadruple heart by-pass in November 08) With Carol's care being primary concern and the health of our parents is a close second; I am contacting you to request your assistance. Also, positive action in Carol's situation may influence a positive response for others in a similar situation.

I have contacted Senator Ronnie Cromer, South Carolina Legislature, to assist and he has contacted SC DHS and they are actively involved in resolving this situation. The DHS representative, Sam Waldrep, felt there is more Lowman Home can do but have not explored all their options and resources. He also said that Lowman Home may need to be encouraged by other outside sources to explore their other options. Senator Cromer and Mr Waldrep continue to work to help Carol and lay the ground work for others in similar situations.

If you would like to talk directly with Daddy, Henry, the home phone is 803-364-2973; his cell is 803-924-2597; and Carol's hospital room number is 803-405-7346, he and/or my Mother, Rose, are there most of the time. Any assistance or recommendations would be greatly appreciated.

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May 21, 2009

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Carol Brandt (sister)
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Dear Ms. Forkner:

The attached letter concerns an issue outside my official jurisdiction. Therefore, as a courtesy to my constituents, Timothy and Carol Brandt, I am sending this correspondence to your attention.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I ask that you please respond directly to Mr. Brandt.

Sincerely,

Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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FROM: Sara Snell

DATE: 5-21-09

COMMENTS: Please see the attached.
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APPLICANT'S CNY: 36 NEWBERRY
COURTESY APPLICATION(Y/N): N PRIMARY LANGUAGE: E ENGLISH
MAILING ADDRESS: REASON FOR APPLICATION:
2952 STONEY HILL RD ADULT WITH CHILDREN(Y/N):
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INFANTS UNDER AGE 1(Y/N):
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NEWBERRY SC 29108-
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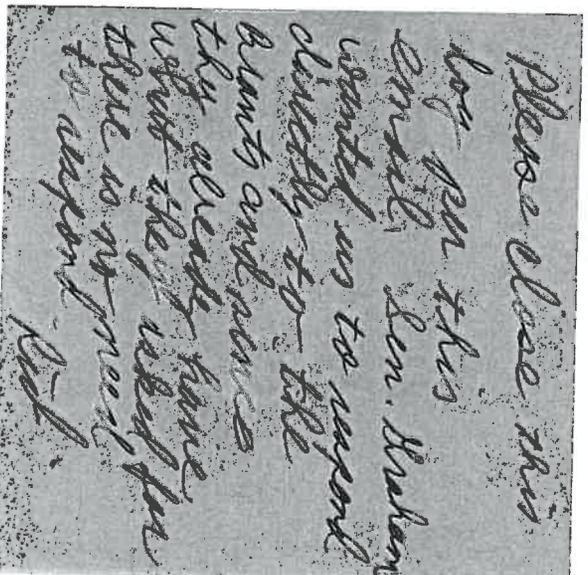
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From: Richard Kluender
To: Richard Kluender
Subject: Fwd: C. Brandt

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