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CC: Kester, Tony <kester@aging.sc.gov>
Date: 10/15/2014 11:53:35 AM
Subject: FW: Help please.

Hi Rene,

I'm forwarding this request as it is related to disability issues.

Thanks,
Anne

From: Kester, Tony
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 10:36 AM
To: Wolf, Anne
Subject: FW: Help please.

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From: Lt. Governor [<mailto:LtGovernor@scstatehouse.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 9:48 AM
To: Kester, Tony
Subject: FW: Help please.

From: Laura Gorton [<mailto:gonoles89@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 10:52 PM
To: Lt. Governor
Subject: Help please.

Dear Sir,

I hope this email finds you well today. My Name is Laura Gorton. I am 34 years old, and Married to my Best Friend Quint. We have 2 Children: Anna Grace, who is 9 years old and Jacob who is 7 years old. My family means the world to me.

I am writing to you because I would like some help getting Disability. In May of 2009, I was in a car accident. All I got out of this car accident was bruises and sore muscles or so I thought. In December 2009, I started having pain on both sides of my jaw, in my neck, upper back, both shoulders, both hips and down to both knees. I went to my doctor who did all kinds of Arthritis tests. They were all negative. In August 2010, I was

diagnosed with Fibromyalgia and put on Cymbalta. In April 2013, I begun having severe lower back pain. I went to the doctor and she sent me to have an X-Ray of my lower back. It showed that I have scoliosis, and that 2 discs in my back are degenerating. I then, was sent to have an MRI. It showed degeneration of my disc located at L-5 S-1 and it looked like the disc was touching a nerve. I was sent to physical therapy which only make the pain worse. Then I was sent to a neurosurgeon, who said the disc wasn't touching a nerve and that basically I will have to live with the pain. In June 2014, I was diagnosed with Severe Sleep Apnea. Now I have to use a CPAP machine on at night. I started having depression a couple of months ago and I had to start taking meds for it. I hardly ever go anywhere unless they have an electric cart that I can ride on because I can't walk but 5 to 10 minutes at a time before I have to find somewhere to sit down. I can't go to any store that don't have an electric cart because I can't walk for long periods of time.

I have applied for disability and was denied. An appeal has been filed. I was just wondering if you would help me get disability.

Also, I want to complain about doctors. My Husband has to have Gallbladder Surgery but the Surgeon wants \$237.00 up front before the surgery. We don't have this so I guess my husband will have to just deal with it. We need help please.

Thanks,
Laura Gorton