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October 19, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Office of The Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I am writing you because I don't know where else to turn. My brother, Johnny B. Rushton, is a US Veteran. He is currently on 60% disability. He was exposed to Agent Orange in Vietnam. He is blind in one eye and also a diabetic.

On May 25, 2015, he was sent by ambulance to Spartanburg Regional Hospital with a very bad ulcer on his left foot. To date, he has had eight surgeries. They have amputated BOTH legs and he also has a colostomy bag because of a decubitus ulcer on his bottom.

Johnny was moved from Spartanburg Regional Hospital to Spartanburg Restorative Care on June 12, 2015. Recently, his case was turned over to Palliative Care. The doctors at Restorative Care stated that they have done all they can and that he would need to be moved to another facility. They then transferred him to Alpha Assisted Living in Greer, SC. The problem is, in order to stay there, he needs to be at least 70% disabled. My niece, Tonya Anderson, is Johnny's daughter and next-of-kin. She has been working diligently to get his disability status upgraded with no luck. Tonya started filing the necessary paper work with V.A. the first of June. After an astronomical amount of paper work and numerous phone calls, she has gotten nothing but a run around. They deny everything she submits. With all the medical issues he has, I think my brother should be classified 100% disabled. **Can you please help expedite this matter, as we only have 20 days from the time he was admitted to Alpha on October 14, 2015 to get him at least 70% disabled** I don't know how much more disabled he could possibly be.

We would appreciate any help you can give us in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon. You may contact either of us as follows:

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Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Reba Davenport