

Dear Governor,

My name is Roger A. Slyter II, I have an issue I'm hoping you might be able to assist me with.

In March of 2014 I was injured at work. I was sent to the doctor's office the next day where he told me I just pulled a muscle, take ibuprophen and come back in two weeks. When I returned I was worse off so he scheduled me for an MRI and a nerve test, neither of which were performed because Worker's Comp said no and sent me to a new doctor. After seeing the new doctor I was placed on light duty and sent to physical therapy for two months (which didn't help) before I was finally sent for an MRI. After the MRI I was given a shot in my left side, then one in the middle of my spine, neither of those worked for very long. Finally I was referred to a neurosurgeon. He determined I didn't need surgery and recommended more aggressive physical therapy.

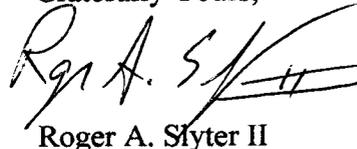
I was taken out of work at the end of August 2014 because of the pain killers I was on. I was made to return to work in October despite no improvement. I missed several days of work and went to the hospital ER a few times before being terminated for my absences at the end of January 2015. The lawyer I had hired by then talked me into settling with Worker's Comp for a pittance since it was deemed I didn't need surgery. Almost half of which was paid to the lawyer because of his fee and costs.

Which brings me to the heart of the matter and my current situation. I have tried finding other employment but my injury prevents me from doing anything without increased pain levels for more than 45 minutes, the pain medicine helps be is a narcotic so it means I can't work while on it. I am only 34 years old so I don't qualify for Medicaid unless I can get my disability claim approved. I am on Foodstamps, I've applied at several organizations to try to get medical aid to see a doctor, but have been repeatedly told I fall into a "grey area" and there's nothing they can do for me. I've been going to the hospital ER but it's not effective, they give me a prescription good for 4 days worth of pain killers and send me on my way at \$1200 a visit, which has been covered through the MedAssist program. 100% paid hospital coverage, would it not be cheaper and more effective for them to cover seeing a doctor instead?

I am currently appealing a disability denial but without being able to see a doctor on a regular basis I will be turned down again. I have a hard time just completing household chores, my fiancé of 2 years kicked me out the day after my birthday this August 2015, so I am currently staying with my parents who aren't in a position to help me any further than putting a roof over my head until I can get onto my own feet. I am on my last leg, I don't know what else to try from here, some days I don't even know why I should bother getting out of bed. Is there anything you could to assist me please?

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Gratefully Yours,



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