

Governor Nikki Haley,

My name is Gott Mixson. I live in the small town of Round-o. I have a problem I can't get help with. I was injured at work in November 2008. I couldn't get help through Workmans Comp. though I tried for years to. I lost my health insurance because I used it to see the doctor after I got hurt. I didn't know I could lose my insurance for seeing a doctor for a work related injury. Nearly six years went by before I found a doctor that would help me even though all I had was Medicaid for insurance. My doctor (Byron Bailey) said I needed surgery right away. I was in surgery all day. The doctor was supposed to remove just one of the five bad disks and fuse my spine. During surgery he realized that at least two of the disks had to be removed. Although two of the disks were removed and fused with metal rods and screws I still have severe constant pain and limited use of my left leg. I see a pain management doctor (Arinish Gupta) monthly and I take a lot of medication. I had thirty or more spinal injections with no success. I went to physical therapy several times with no improvement either. I'm not supposed to drive due to the medication. I also have Asthma and I use a nebulizer machine four times a day. I also use an inhaler and a disk every day.

I applied for short term and long term disability through Social Security five or six years ago. I've been to two hearings so far. I've met all the requirements for disability except for the unwritten one. I'm under fifty years old (500544). I've fought these people for years and can't get anywhere. Social Security claims that since I have worked in the past there is still some work I can do even though

I'm on a breathing machine four times a day, take a lot of pain medication, can't stand or sit up more than a few minutes at a time. I would love to go back to work but I'm unable to since I spend most of my day laying down. I've been out of work since 2008. I've used every penny that I saved and sold everything that I could to support my family. (wife and four kids)

I'm at an end now with no where to turn. Is there any way you could help me? Please? I'll do anything to help my family but I'm unable to function. Along with the severe pain I face depression and anxiety every day. I always have to tell my children sorry for not being able to get them anything for Christmas or for their birthdays. I just can't take it anymore.

I know you're busy and my problem is a small thing to you but please help me anyway you can. I am a supporter of yours and I believe you're doing a good job. You are a good leader and I wouldn't bother you if it wasn't important. Please help.

Please respond to this letter as soon as you can.
Thanks for everything.

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