

Dear Governor Haley,

Hello, My name is Mr. Shane Goodwin. I was wondering if you could possibly help me in a matter that is really got me upset.

Dec. 29, 2014

4518 Old

Williamston Rd.

Belton SC.

29627

I have nowhere else to turn so I would appreciate any help you can give me. I applied for disability in 2009, and I've waited 5 years and I finally was approved in Sept. of this year. I am supposed to receive \$44.00 a month. I was also approved for Medicare and medicaid. Shortly after being approved for everything I started getting letters every week, about 2 a week stating that I owe back child support for a child I do not believe is mine but let me get back on track. She is 25 years old and they want me to pay 12,000.00 dollars in back child support for her grandmother for 2 yrs. When the mother and child lived with her. The State of Connecticut awarded her 2 yrs. back rent for her daughter staying with her. They have an order that lets them take around \$580.00 out of my checks. \$43.00 is for Massachusetts for my other 2 daughters. That's 2 daughters and they only take \$43.00 a month. I don't understand how ct. can take over 65% of my check when the order that was and still is in affect is \$10.00 a week on the arrears. So instead of taking \$40.00 out of me they are taking ^{over} \$400.00 out. I am left with \$260.00 a month. My rent alone is \$300.00 monthly

I owe my landlord 10,800 dollars for back rent for the time, 5 yrs I was waiting for my disability to go through. I was sposed to get 10.000 and change after all my bills were paid, Lawyer, Med. ect... The SS. office told me that they couldn't take my back pay. Well a week after I was approved they sent me one of many letters stating just that. They took all of my back pay and are continuing to take the \$580.00 or so out of my monthly check. Most of this money is going to the state of Ct. for 1 daughter that is 25 yrs. old, and my other 2 daughters that live in mass. the state is only taking \$43.00. And the money that is going to Ct. is for paying the girls grand mother for rent. She never had custody of the girl so I just don't understand why I'm getting penalized twice. The mother was already paid once and now I have to pay the grand mother for that does not seem right to me. I tried to appeal it and they said that I cant unless I go to Ct. and hire a lawyer to fight it. Governor Haley the thing is I don't even get enough in my check to pay my rent let alone back rent. I can't pay my utilities or anything. On top of that I just got a letter stating they are going to take more out of my check for medicare and medicaid drops me in Jan and won't pay for medicare. They said I have to reapply for medicaid. So now my check is down to \$220.00 a month. The letter states that

I can cancell my medicore and they wont take
 the money out but if I do that then medicade
 will drop me if they except my reapplication.
 So I will no longer have Medical Ins. at all and
 I still will only recieve the \$200.00 and change a
 month to live on. They cut my Food Stamps from
 \$170.00 a month down to \$6.00 a month then
 raised it to \$16.00 a month in Jan. for the price
 of living increase. Mam I don't know how much you
 have to pay for food, and I am in no way trying
 to say anything about your food bill or anything like
 that but here in Belton S.C. You can hardly get
 a Gal. of milk a loaf of bread and some lunch
 meat for \$16.00. I was under the impression that
 If my disability was garnished they could only
 take 50% to 65% out of it. Actually I didn't
 think they could even do that until they sent
 me a letter stating that. Well they are taking
 out well over 65% of my check and my Food Stamps
 do not allow me to eat for a week let alone a
 month. I have been in S.C. for 18 years. I have
 worked here and made a life here. I do not under-
 stand how someone that lives here and was a
 working South Carolinian has to struggle so much
 to get any kind of help. I have contacted everyone
 I know and I'm told by every one that they can do
 nothing and that I have to go to Connecticut
 to fight this. Can I ask you a question? How am
 I saposed to do that. I don't get enough to pay my

rent or food. I have nothing. How can I sposed to get there, hire a lawyer, stay at a motel, eat, take care of my medical needs and keep my rent with I don't think I will have very soon, on \$220.00 a month and \$16.00 in food stamps. If you could please give me the answer to that question I would greatly welcome it. So Maddam Governer, or Mrs. Haley, I'm not quite sure how to adress you. I would greatly appreciate any Help or assistance your office could possably give to me. I'm at my witts end and I feel like I'm getting pushed down further and further in the cracks in the system and very soon No one will even know that I exist. Please Help if you can. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

(Sorry about the spelling.)

Yours Truly
Soon to be living
in a box under an
over pass.

Mr. Shane Madwin

P.S. My adress for the time being is:

4518 Old Williamston Rd. Belton S.C.

29627. This is my [↑]mailing adress. [↑]I reside
at 542 Willingham Rd. Williamston S.C.

29699. My phone # is 864-305-0506.

Thank you again for any assitance
you can give.