

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO	DATE
Floyd	4-22-08

DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER 000549	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE 4-29-08
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR cc: Jacobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

Per Jeremy... do not need a written response, be attached e-mail.

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
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Department of Health & Human Services
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April 22, 2008

Bill & Donna Driskell
2443 Raymond Avenue
N. Charleston, SC 29406

RE: Jenvon Cherry
716 Zimacrest Drive
Apt. # 3704
Columbia, SC 29210

SSN: 577-11-2898

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Driskell:

Thank you for contacting our office on April 15, 2008 concerning your daughter Jenvon Cherry. Upon reading your plea for assistance, I was in awe and very disappointed to learn that you are unable to receive insurance benefits for Jenvon or any other governmental aide for her disability while she is in Columbia, South Carolina as a full-time college student working towards her degree.

I will also have to investigate as to why your daughter is not receiving her unemployment benefits if she was indeed terminated from her most recent employment.

By way of this correspondence, please be advised that I have carbon copied several governmental agencies in an effort to solicit their assistance in providing resolve to this unfortunate circumstance, as outlined in your email to our office. I would like to further request that the state agencies carbon copy my office on any actions taken in an attempt to rectify your issue.

Jenvon Cherry

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I apologize for what your family has had to endure and I undoubtedly understand your frustration. In the interim, until you receive responses from the carbon-copied individuals, please feel free to contact me directly at (803) 212-6124.

Sincerely,


Robert Ford

State Senator
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Enclosures: (2)

From: "Driskell, Donna F." <fordhamd@musc.edu>
To: "blues@scsenate.org" <blues@scsenate.org>
Date: 4/15/2008 10:05 AM
Subject: Assistance

Good Morning,

My name is Donna Driskell, I believe you just spoke with my husband Bill. We have a daughter that is a 25 student at Benedict College and she has epilepsy.

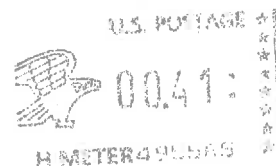
I am concerned because her disability is not one that is visibly seen, it is not recognized as a disability. She has never applied for any type of financial assistance because we have always taken care of her. Now that she is of age she is a college student without insurance and no assistance. She has applied for food stamps, and social security benefits which have all been denied. Vocational Rehab has agreed to purchase her medications for two months only. Hopefully the Air force (tricare) will pick her up again due to the fact that her seizures was a preexisting condition.

She is trying so hard to be independent. She lives in an apartment complex which they keep threatening eviction because everytime she gets a job eventhough the employer hires her with the disability, if she is out too many times due to seizure activity she is "fired". But, they always have an excuse such as lack of work. She is now fighting the Employment Security commission for her unemployment from her last job. I wonder some times if sending her to college is wise because I am so afraid that she will never be able to have a steady job in journalism and keep it because of her disability.

We have taught her to be independent and not depend on the Government to help you. She does a good job of showing her independence. But, where do you go if you need a little assistance? Not for long, not forever just to lend a helping hand?

From: "Driskell, Donna F." <fordhamd@muscc.edu>
To: "blues@scsenate.org" <blues@scsenate.org>
Date: 4/15/2008 10:07 AM
Subject: Assistance. Phone number

My phone number is 843-792-0117 or home 553-8700 cell 367-8347 thanks



Senator Robert Ford
P. O. Box 142
Columbia, SC 29202

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Log #549 ✓

From: Lena Girgis
To: Brenda James
Date: 4/22/2008 4:36:55 pm
Subject: Fwd: Log 0549

Please see below. Thank you!

>>> Jennifer Lynch 04/22/08 4:30 PM >>>
Denise already began working on this one and has spoken with the family and Senator Ford's office before we got the log letter. She called Senator Ford's office back and they said we don't need to prepare a written response--only send them copies of the resources we mailed the family with Denise's business card since she helped them. We will be sending this back up to close without a written response if that's okay. Thanks!!

Jennifer Lynch
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From: Lena Girgis
To: Brenda James
Date: 4/24/2008 3:37 pm
Subject: Fwd: Re: Message From Susan D. Blue c/o Senator Robert Ford

More info on log 0549 (not sure if you need it). Thanks!

>>> Denise Epps 04/24/08 12:17 PM >>>
You are welcome - call me anytime we may be of assistance, Denise

Denise M. Epps
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>>> "SUSAN BLUE" <BLUES@scsenate.org> 4/24/2008 11:30 AM >>>
Thursday, April 24, 2008

RE: Ms. Donna Driskell - Constituent

I received your package this morning. Thank you VERY much !!!

Susan D. Blue
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