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LETTER to Political Leaders 2013.pdf

My Dear Political Leaders,

Please try to understand the dire need for expanded health care for everyone, which includes the population that has no income and is not presently eligible for Medicaid. Some of these will include people who are disabled and have applied for disability assistance, which is pending. These physically (and sometimes mentally) disabled people frequently rely on their family to help support them, as they are not able to work. They come in all age groups and because of their physical problems, they require medications that the family has to purchase or they will have no medications. All of this comes at a major financial burden for many families, who may be aging parents and relying on their retirement pensions and/or Social Security for their sole support.

Other adults who make less than \$11,000, who are not pregnant, and who are not considered disabled and cannot afford insurance coverage have had to do without healthcare because they did not qualify for Medicaid.. Please expand the present Medicaid program so that these people can received the proper and affordable medical care that they need.

These are not people who are asking for hand-outs. These are people who have worked until they were stricken with some physical (or mental) disease and people who are presently working, but, hold low-income jobs and just trying to make ends meet.

Please help these people. If we base upstanding citizenship on morality, then, we must reflect these morals in our own behavior as role models and leaders of our community, our state, and our nation and do what is right for each and every person. We cannot begin to build character in our young, if we, the adults and leaders, do not exhibit character by embracing those who face challenges and offer them a helping hand.

Sincerely,

Georgia Laughlin