I sleep better at night knowing that my 37 year old daughter now has health insurance again after being without it since 2010...but she still wouldn't be covered if her father and I weren't purchasing it for her. Holly graduated from law school in 2005 and worked in Kansas City until she lost her job in 2010 due to the economy and probably her job performance resulting from increasing symptoms of her bipolar mental illness.

During the next few months she was fortunate to survive terrifying episodes of psychosis which required expensive emergency rooms, ambulance rides, hospitalizations, etc. And our family will always be grateful to the many caring healthcare workers and policemen who have helped us through difficult moments. Wouldn't it be more cost-efficient for these services to be paid for by a system of insurance set up beforehand rather than after the fact?

Although our daughter has done some part time work, she has not earned enough ($11,490) to qualify for subsidies on the insurance exchange...she falls into the Medicaid Gap in Kansas. Fortunately, she has family support to help her...however; we have met many others during our experiences the last few years that don't have those resources. It is frustrating and sad for me to witness the fact that people, for whom the program was intended and who need the help of Medicaid the most, are not eligible to receive it. I pray that we can rise above our pride and politics and do the right thing for our people! And, if that doesn't work, then I pray that we come to the realization that it is also financially prudent to do so!

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