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To Whom it May Concern,

I am a single mother, living in La Harpe, Kansas who applied for health insurance through the Federal Marketplace at Thrive Allen County in November of 2014. At the time, I was working two jobs and making less than \$15,000 a year. Because the Federal Poverty Level for a family of two is set at \$15,730 I could not qualify for tax credits through the Marketplace and I made too much money to qualify for Medicaid through the state of Kansas. My son qualifies for CHIP; this will be his last year of coverage. I work hard to keep my family afloat and to provide for my son and myself, but feel that I am being punished for my efforts, because if my son was not in my household I would qualify for insurance (the federal poverty level for an individual is \$11,670), but because he is still my dependent, I get denied health coverage.

I am a breast cancer survivor, so I know how important having health insurance is. When I sought medical treatment to follow up after my cancer treatment (I'm currently in remission), my doctors encouraged me to sign up for marketplace insurance to help me cover future costs. That is when I discovered the effect of Kansas not expanding Medicaid and how it hurts working families like mine.

Frankly, I don't understand why Kansas would not cover me, if they could do so at little or no cost. Please vote to expand Medicaid in Kansas and help working class families like mine.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Bobbie Nunnery

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobbie Nunnery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.