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Dear Mr. Neubauer

**Subject: Bill #sf182**

Thank you for sponsoring this bill to eliminate the Medical Assistance recovery that so many of us are living with for far to many years now. It's a deception that's so unfair and needs to be eliminated.

Here's my story:

I worked a full time job for 35 years in political fundraising. The company closed in 2014 leaving me without insurance. I was told at the time I qualified for Medical Assistance due to my income on unemployment. Keep in mind I never set out looking for a freebie and was never told the end result would be for the state to come after everything I had worked for my entire life. I was a single parent raising two very successful children and never in my wildest dreams did I think this "claw back" would be the legacy I would leave for my children. This nightmare has gone on far to long and innocent people are suffering for it. None of us would have signed up for this had we known the end result.

Someone messed up not telling us from the get go the truth about this insurance. Now it's time to own up to it and remove it from our records.

Best of luck to you get this bill passed! My phone number is 320-253-4651 if you're interested in getting in touch with me.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Smith

Sent from my iPad