

Dear Mr. Wilson,

I want to thank you for your email to our board of directors of December 7 regarding your family health insurance situation. It will be shared with the board and be preserved as part of the record of public comment with the December 18 board meeting.

While the “family glitch” is a well-known flaw in the Affordable Care Act, I don’t think I have ever seen a more compelling example of how it works against the interest of hardworking families who have few or no alternatives for affordable health insurance.

I recommend that you speak with one of our experts at our Enrollment Center in Delta, the Watson Insurance & Financial Group, 550 Palmer Lane, Suite 103, Delta, or at 1802 Townsend Ave., Montrose. The phone number for either location is 970-249-2298. Their team works with people in your community and are best prepared to make sure that you have looked at all the options available to you, even though it is clear from your message you have researched this issue already.

Frankly, I am not satisfied with the answer I have for you today. Connect for Health Colorado and other state-based health insurance marketplaces are advocating for Congress to address this gap in the law and the hardship it creates for you and families like yours. I can share your story as part of that advocacy but I would much rather give you a workable solution. I do hope that someone with our Enrollment Center has some more affordable options for you to consider.

Again, I am grateful to you for sharing your story with us. I wish the best for you, your family and your farm.

Sincerely,

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