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Moms need help caring for families

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I am writing in response to the person who wrote, "Grabby Moms should solve own problems" (April 11 letter). The first letter to the editor talked about how universal health care could help support families. This idea really scares people; hence the second letter that went on to say the women who made this suggestion are "whiners" who want someone to take care of them.

The "Grabby Moms" writer claimed we should simply ask women in their 40s, 50s and 60s how they did it.

I do know what my mother (in her 50s) did when I was a child. As a professional house cleaner, she didn't have health insurance coverage. When I was 15, I was in an accident, and the hospital bill sent our family into a terrible crisis that wreaked havoc on relationships taking years to rebuild. As for day care, my mom did the best she could with the money she had and was forced to leave me with providers who did not provide such great care. Those circumstances had no simple answers and neither does the health and child care crisis in America.

Pointing fingers and calling names proves nothing; instead let's work together as concerned citizens who truly want the best for our families, our neighbors and this country. We have got to start investing in our families if we want this country to succeed. I believe there is a direct correlation to the lack of support for families and many of our country's problems.

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