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*Salt Lake City, UT* – Paul Gibbs, the Utah filmmaker who produced the documentary *Entitled to Life*, has been invited to produce new projects about adults and families living in the coverage gap in North Carolina and another state to be determined. Gibbs recently received a \$3,500 grant from MoveOn.org to fund this project.

Gibbs created *Entitled to Life* after listening to the stories of Utahns living in the coverage gap who testified during a legislative town hall event in March 2014. Disappointed that so few legislators attended the event, Gibbs filmed the personal stories of 6 Utahns who are among the 57,000 adults who fall into the coverage gap, earning too much to qualify for Medicaid, yet earning too little to receive subsidized insurance on [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov).

Over 120 people attended the premier of *Entitled to Life* at the Broadway Centre Cinemas in early June, and the [online version](#) has been watched over 2,000 times on YouTube. An [abridged](#) version of the film was shown at the July meeting of the Utah legislature's Health Reform Task Force.

"This film has been an amazing opportunity for me to get to know some of the great people caught in Utah's coverage gap," explains Gibbs. "I'm very moved to have the chance to tell the stories of people in other states who also need help. I hope we can get people to realize that these are good, honest, hard-working people who are suffering and dying because their state governments are choosing ideology over saving the lives of their own people."

Several organizations including Voices for Utah Children and the Utah Health Policy Project (UHPP) have promoted the film and its stories to urge Utah lawmakers to close the state's coverage gap. "*Entitled to Life* breaks through the stereotypes of who we think falls in the coverage gap," says RyLee Curtis, UHPP's Medicaid Policy Analyst. "It really shows who these people are. I'm glad Paul will have the chance to tell stories from other states about the uncertainty and fear of what it's like to work and live without access to affordable, consistent health insurance."

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