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No Longer Academic – A Family Tragedy Casts a Harsh Light on the U.S. Safety Net

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Andrea Campbell learned indelible new lessons when a hit and run driver left her sister-in-law paralyzed. To carry on, a young couple that had no health insurance was forced to search for assistance in a bureaucratic maze of fragmented programs.

In her new book [*Trapped in America's Safety Net*](#), Campbell presents the struggles of her brother and sister-in-law to illuminate the real-life shortcomings of current American social programs. The book's unique appeal comes through vividly in a [compelling review](#) by John Rosenberg, editor of *Harvard Magazine*.

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