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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure: SB646

Dear Committee Members,

I am the mother of a 5 year old disabled child named Finn and we are currently participating in the temporary paid caregiver program. This program has dramatically improved the quality of life for my son and our family. Making this a permanent program would bring relief to my family and countless other families. One of the biggest struggles with the current system is that so many families are literally unable to use the hours that their children are allotted. Finding consistent DSPs is a chronic challenge and turnover is never ending. My child needs consistency above all else to manage his support needs. Being able to provide my child with what he needs consistently while being paid for some of this time has been a godsend. The thought of losing that option is honestly disheartening. Please consider passing SB 646 to support families to be more stable, supported and less dependent on other services. This truly feels like the just and equitable way forward for Oregon.

Thank you so much for your consideration,

Amy Greenfield