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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure: SB646

Dear Senator Wyden,

I am writing to ask for your support of Senate Bill 646. This bill would allow the parents of disabled children to become their paid caregivers using care hours already allotted to the child but often go unfilled. In the current home care workforce crisis, this bill would add to the labor force and give children the support they need.

When the pandemic began, some parents of the most severely disabled children were allowed to be paid caregivers. I am seeking your support to continue that program and expand it to more families. Data has shown that children who had access to this over the past 2 years have been happier, healthier, and more involved in their community.

Please help keep the positive outcomes of this program by supporting SB 646.