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To whom it may concern:

We only are entitled to 44 hours per month, which is not a living wage for anyone even though my 4 year old daughter needs 24/7 care.

Our daycare closed during the pandemic which was also the same time the disability became apparent. Since then my husband has had to quit his job to care for my daughter.

Caring for a disabled child did not come naturally for him but I am the higher earner.

We have not been able to find someone willing to care for our daughter. We desperately need two incomes. Although 44 hours a month would not compensate for his regular earnings, at least it would be something.

He now works weekends at a gas station while I care for our daughter on the weekends.

Please help families like us earn a wage when we cannot work and care for our disabled children at the same time. Nobody will care for our child as she has hundreds of seizures a day, does not talk, can't stand or use her hands, wears diapers, and needs someone with her at all times. The worker that came in recently left after her second shift. I can't even give the hours away even if I'm there the entire time.