Submitter: Advocates For Disability Supports

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Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB538

To Whom it May Concern, I am hoping you will support SB 538 (also known as Tensy's Law) this session. The bill would increase access to Oregon's Children's Extraordinary Needs (CEN) waiver; allow parents of minors to be personal support workers; and ensure this compensation comes from already-obligated funding. Without adequate in-home support, families face the heartbreaking decision of placing their child in an institution or struggling without care. Many parents are left with no choice but to quit their jobs, take unpaid leave, or forgo sleep to meet their child's needs. Tensy's Law would give families financial stability while reducing reliance on social safety nets. Yours, Katie Finley