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Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB538

??Duly Elected Lawmakers,

I request your support of SB 538 (also known as Tensy's Law) this session.

The bill would increase access to Oregon's Children's Extraordinary Needs (CEN) waiver and provide efficient and wise use of taxpayer funds allowing parents of minors to be personal support workers and ensure this compensation comes from already-obligated funding.

Oregon's homecare workforce shortage is well-documented.

Over 90% of families report they cannot find enough caregivers to fill their authorized hours. This shortage is even more severe in rural areas, where specialized caregivers are virtually nonexistent. Tensy's Law offers a fiscally responsible approach that prioritizes both budget efficiency and better health outcomes.

Thank you in advance to your attention to this matter.