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Hi Emerson & Anthony (from Monica & Rose %uD83D%uDC95) Please vote YES on Tensy's Law, SB 538. 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. 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 would give families financial stability while reducing reliance on social safety nets. In our experience we have never been able to find a caregiver to fulfill Rose's allowance of hours. As I've discussed before, Rose doesn't qualify for this program currently. Although she is assessed as level 5, she's a tad short of the "m" designation. However we know many families who do qualify and their children are waitlisted. Another girl with Rose's ultra rare syndrome had to move out of state to Colorado, so her mom could access this sort of program, leaving her doctors and community%u2026or face homelessness. These are the most significantly disabled children in Oregon. Please support them! Yours, Monica & Rose Huey  
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