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

Dear Elected Officials,

There has never been a more critical time to adopt legislation of this importance than now. As support for individuals with disabilities, and their family caregivers, is in increasing jeopardy through threats to Medicaid and other programs, it is absolutely imperative to put into law the protection of paying family caregivers to provide the loving and necessary attention and care to their family members with disabilities. Please do the right thing, for your constituents of all ages and abilities, and disabilities. Thank you very much for your time and attention to this pressing matter. As the grandmother of three teenage boys of varying levels of disability, this is a personal matter for our family. That said, I know everybody in this room is just one or 2°l degrees of separation away from a loved one, an acquaintance, or a time of life when they themselves will be experiencing disability. There is no substitute for a loving, trained, capable Family member to provide that. And we must pay these caregivers for their time in order to make that level of care available.