

February 15, 2025

Senate Committee on Human Services SB20

Dear Chair Senator Gelser Blouin,

Vice Chair Senator Linthicum, and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services,

I am writing in **support** of Senate Bill 20.

I hope I never need Medicaid or a caregiver to help me. But if I did, I would want to be able to still work and support my family, while having a caregiver to help me with medically necessary care. Caregivers are a necessity to a disabled person. It is a shame that people have to choose between making money, AND PAYING TAXES (WHICH WE WANT) and receiving Medicaid coverage for their medical needs. I am lucky to have great insurance, but it doesn't cover everything that Medicaid Oregon Health Plan does.

Please consider removing these asset and income restrictions currently in place by supporting SB20 and give people the opportunity to make money, pay taxes, and contribute to society.

People should not have to choose between having a career and advancing both financially and developmentally or getting the necessary health care that is vital to their living.

People in the disability community face enough barriers in life, this one you have the power to change with the passage of Senate Bill 20. I urge you all to vote in favor of Senate Bill 20. Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,

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