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Senate Committee on Human Services

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

I am writing to advocate for my daughter-in-law's brother, who is a quadriplegic as a result of a spinal cord injury nearly 25 years ago. Despite his employment and the potential for compensational adjustments, the current law places him in further financial hardship by restricting his eligibility for caregiver hours and health benefits if his income exceeds a certain limit. Forcing him and many others to continue accepting low wages and not reaching for greater opportunities due to fear of losing the essential help they require. This policy creates an extremely difficult situation for him and others throughout Oregon in similar circumstances. I hope we can amend these laws to ensure that individuals like him may continue to receive the crucial support they need while also advancing in their careers and futures.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dave Zuch