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People with disabilities, like abled bodied people, deserve to have full lives, which means having the resources they require to survive without having to impoverish themselves to keep them. Making people choose between a life that is constantly unstable with opportunity for participation in society, and a life of isolation and exclusion from society in order to survive is absurd. As an in-home helper for a disabled person who works and depends on medicaid, I am witness so some of the awesome potential and frustrating limitations of a life with very limited mobility. When people are supported, and allowed to flourish, they achieve great things in contribution to industry and society. This includes the abled and the disabled. To make people choose inevitably keeps many people from being included in society and in life, which anyone with a shred of respect for humanity and the community they serve would not accept.