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Committee: Senate Committee on Human Services
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Dear Committee Members,

I strongly **support** SB 20 as it creates the supports needed for disabled individuals to retain employment. As it currently stands there is a \$2000 resource limit for more social services that help retain vital services including Long- term care services. I've heard the term "welfare cliff", the point at which someone falls off all supportive services for earning \$1 over the limit while simultaneously needing to replace \$5000 or more worth of services, food, housing etc. It's impossible unless you get very lucky and have a support system to help you. I have spent most of my adult life trying to obtain independence from social security and welfare programs only to be successful for short periods. I have a condition that requires frequent surgeries and unpredictable down time. "Just getting a job" is not a solution. I am successful with a support system. SB 20 allows for much needed reforms for this program