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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB20

Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB20, a bill that would allow individuals with disabilities to receive medical assistance without being restricted by income or assets. This change is critical for families like mine who have seen the struggles that come with navigating healthcare and employment under the current system.

My son sustained a T5 spinal cord injury in 2008, and since then, our family has faced significant challenges related to his medical care and financial stability. I have watched him work hard to maintain employment, but due to the strict income limits on medical assistance, he has often been forced to choose between career growth and access to necessary healthcare. When health issues arise or job changes occur, the risk of losing coverage creates overwhelming stress—not just for him, but for our entire family. No parent should have to watch their child go without critical medical care simply because they earned slightly too much or lost a job unexpectedly.

SB20 would provide security and peace of mind for people with disabilities and their families. It would allow individuals like my son to focus on their health and professional aspirations without the constant fear of losing the medical support they depend on. This bill is a step toward fairness, ensuring that those who want to work are not punished for doing so.

I strongly urge the committee to support SB20. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you,
Linda Rose