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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 reaching out to express my strong support for SB20, a bill that would ensure individuals with disabilities can receive medical assistance without being restricted by income or assets. This legislation is critical for families like mine, who have struggled with the gaps in our healthcare system and the tough choices it forces upon those who are simply trying to live and work with dignity.

My father has been living with a T5-T6 spinal cord injury since 2008, and our family has seen firsthand how difficult it is to navigate healthcare while also trying to maintain financial stability. Despite his determination to work, he has repeatedly faced obstacles due to the income limits tied to medical assistance. At times when his health declined or he was between jobs, we were left in a state of uncertainty, trying to figure out how to keep him covered. The fear of losing access to necessary care has influenced so many of our family's decisions, from job choices to financial planning, and it has placed an immense amount of stress on all of us. No one should have to choose between working and being able to afford the medical care they need to survive.

SB20 would provide much-needed relief by allowing people with disabilities to focus on their health and employment without the constant worry of losing critical support. It would remove barriers that prevent individuals like my father from living with greater independence and security.

I strongly encourage the committee to support SB20 and help make our healthcare system fairer for those who need it most. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you,
Tia Neely