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To: Joint Ways and Means subcommittee Human Resources

From: Michelle Moore

Dear Committee Co-Chairs Campos and Valderrama, and fellow members of Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services.

I am writing to express my strong support for the full funding of SB 20 within the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) budget.

I have seen my husband triumph after having a spinal cord injury and become a champion is the disability community across Oregon. He wants to work and help support our family but is very limited in doing so.

I have witnessed other people take promotions offered to him, turn down cost of living increases and regular raises, and not be able to save for our son's future college expenses to stay within the current limitations set in place.

I can understand the intentions that were put in place for asset and income limits for Employed Persons with Disabilities to remain eligible for Medicaid services, but these have become outdated.

Please consider removing these asset and income restrictions currently in place by fully funding SB20 and give my husband the opportunity to grow in a career he loves, save for our son's future, pay taxes, and contribute to society.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Michelle Moore