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

I am providing this testimony in support of SB20 being fully funded within ODHS's budget. I believe people with severe disabilities who can work but still need caregiving support from the state should be allowed to do so. I believe working people with disabilities better provide for themselves and our community when they have access to the care they need that does not penalize them by inflicting income and asset caps. Surely a working adult should be able to save more than \$5000 without risking losing all of the care and medical support they would need to survive. Especially given the rising costs of every day life, someone should be able to have a safety cushion that brings peace of mind without the added burden of losing necessary care and medical support.

I hope you will support this bill.

Thank you for your time!