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To: Joint Ways and Means subcommittee Human Resources

From: Janine Zuch

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 am writing to advocate for my daughter in laws brother, who is a quadriplegic. Despite his job and the potential for raises, the current law restricts his eligibility for caregiver hours and health benefits if his income exceeds a certain limit. This policy creates a significant hurdle for him and others in similar situations. We are striving to amend these laws to ensure that individuals like him can continue to receive the essential support they need while advancing in their careers. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Janine Zuch