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To: Joint Ways and Means subcommittee Human Resources

From: Alec Stuart

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.

While I understand the intention behind the asset and income limits for Medicaid eligibility, which were designed to ensure our community members' needs are met, the reality is that these limits are preventing many skilled and talented individuals from obtaining employment, advancing in their careers, and achieving the quality of life they deserve. People should not have to choose between pursuing a career and receiving the vital health care they need to thrive.

This issue not only harms individuals, but it also impacts businesses and organizations by restricting the labor pool, limiting the diversity and vibrancy of the workforce.

The disability community already faces many barriers in life. With the full funding of Senate Bill 20, you have the opportunity to remove one of those barriers. I urge you to fully fund this bill and make a meaningful difference for so many.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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