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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. I am a caregiver for a disabled woman under this program and the work she does is important to the city and she deserves to be able to save up for retirement and emergency expenses and whatever else she needs to live comfortably. She absolutely needs the care this program provides and it is essential that she, and everyone else using this program, are able to continue receiving support and care without penalty.