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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 ongoing care they need. Income and asset caps put additional barriers in the way of people with disabilities to find and maintain jobs. These limits also purposefully keep working adults with disabilities on the margins of peril: one major health incident and they aren't able to pay caregivers living wages, or fix an accessible vehicle, or even afford an accessible vacation. Policies that keep disabled adults in penury are shameful; we should choose instead be supporting their successes \*and\* ensuring they maintain access to the critical care and medical support they need to survive.