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Thank you Co-Chairs Steiner Hayward and Rayfield, and the Committee for hearing my testimony today.

My name is Leslie Rogers. I am the father of a little girl with cerebral palsy that is tube fed, and needs 24 hr. monitoring for suction that receives K plan service. The K plan provides night nurses during weeknights so that my wife and I can continue to work and pay taxes into the system. My family then alternates night shifts on the weekend for suctioning and tube feeding to be able to keep our daughter in our home. The K plan has brought 350 million in federal dollars into Oregon in just the last biennium providing thousands of jobs. It has diverted children out of the foster care system by providing supports to their parents so that they can keep their disabled children in their home. It has helped thousands of disabled Oregonians find the supports to be included in their community. Without the K plan, presumptive medical, and fully funding community inclusion children like my daughter will likely end up in Providence skilled nursing facility costing many times what it costs to care for them in their home. It looks like we will have the K plan for the foreseeable future with the failure of the AHCA at the Federal level, but we need to ensure that we find a revenue solution to our budget woes and keep individuals in the community at lower cost of care to the state of Oregon. Oregon has taken a very positive step for the IDD community by enacting the K plan, but now we need to keep it funded. "The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members" -Ghandi

With Sincerest Gratitude,
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