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My name is Terry Haydon, I live in Corvallis, and I'm here because I care deeply about the Homecare "Live-in" program. I'm very concerned that because corporations pay so little in taxes in Oregon, we are going to have to make cuts to the Homecare "Live-in" service. I hope you will put my client first.

The plan you are considering is a positive development and I support it, but my client deserves far more and I hope the legislature will pass a tax increase that will be able to make a meaningful difference in our state.

For my client, cuts would be devastating. It would mean that he would not have the 24 hr. help for her needs, especially at night when she needs to be awakened every 2 1/2-3 hrs. to burp her illostomy bag so that it won't burst open. She is completely "wheelchair bound" and needs at least one person to assist her in transferring from wheelchair to recliner, bed, and full assistance in showering. To cut hrs. would be dangerous and/or tasks could not be done at all.

We can't keep piecing together budgets like this. We need a revenue package that is significant and reverse decades of disinvestment in our school and services. I'm urging you not just to raise new revenue, but to raise "game-changing" revenue that makes a significant difference.

My client is counting on you.

Thank you for your time.