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To whom it may concern:

I understand that you are considering continuation and/or expansion of the Court Care Program in Polk County. I have been a regular user of the program and wish to relate my experience.

I am a 65 year old disabled veteran. About two years ago, my wife and I adopted our two youngest granddaughters. They are presently 3 and 4 years old. My wife became very ill, finally getting to the point where she would not drive or go to medical appointments by herself. Court Care covered our childcare problem for many of her appointments. If not for them, I would have been forced to take them to her appointments.


My situation took a drastic turn for the worse on December 10, 2018 when my wife died. Suddenly, I became a single parent of two very active tots. Again, the Court Care folks stepped up to help. They provided childcare to allow me to attend my own medical appointments and to cover the many other matters which arose due to her death (funeral arrangements, bank transactions, retirement claims, payment of claims, etc.)

But for the assistance of Court Care, I would not have been able to make it through. Unfortunately, at the age 65, it is not nearly as easy to keep up with two active little girls as it was when I was a young father. The respite provided by Court Care was and is critical to my successful care of them.

More importantly, I think that the Court Care program is critical to other members of the community. I know that there are other single parents in far more desperate straits than I. Court Care has, I am sure, been lifesavers for those parents and children.

I urge that you do everything possible to continue and expand the Court Care program. It has been and will be a lifesaver for parents and children in Polk County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald R. Tipton".

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