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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB646

I am writing in support of SB 646. This bill will allow for the parents/guardians of disabled children to receive pay for their care work. The paid hours are already allotted to non-family caregivers but they are often left unused because there's a major shortage of caregivers.

Also, many parents/guardians of disabled children are forced to leave the work force because there is no adequate care available for their children, leaving their families in precarious financial situations.

At the start of the pandemic, many parents of disabled children were allowed to receive pay for their care. This program has resulted in positive outcomes for both the children and their families.

Please support this bill so that families with disabled children will be able to continue to experience the benefits of this financial support.

Thank you for your time,

Catherine Ritti