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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Conner Slevin and I am writing you in support of SB 576. I injured my spinal cord resulting in quadriplegia three years ago, one month to the day before my 30th birthday. I am currently enrolled in Portland Community College with a 4.0 grade point average pursuing an associate degree in marketing. It is my goal to gain employment that pays enough to cover my living expenses while also allowing me to save money for financial independence. Unfortunately, I am painfully aware of the physical restrictions the paralysis has placed upon my body and the amount of medical attention that it takes to keep me alive. If forced to choose between completing my goals and risk losing the lifesaving medical attention that I need to survive, it is not a choice at all.

In supporting SB 576, you will be empowering me towards financial independence in a world of paralysis that lacks so much independence.