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To Whom It May Concern,

I am the sister of a special needs child. My mom takes care of him with constant commitment as my brother's personal support worker. With the senate bill 646 passed my mom can continue to do this. Let me explain the benefits this will have for my brother. He is non-verbal, hard of hearing, and has a rare genetic disease that effects his brain, and the way he can live his life. He has been living with this all his life and there is a lot to explain and teach someone who has never met my brother. So I ask you, Why would you take away the privilege for my mom to be my brother's personal support worker, and give it to a total stranger who knows nothing about my brother? If you were to bring someone into my house, and tell them to take care of my brother for a whole day, it would be a very difficult, almost impossible task. This is because every part of his day he needs help. For example, he wears diapers, he needs help in and out of his car seat, getting into his chair, getting dressed, and putting his hearing aids in. And my Mom is the only one who can help and support my brother live his life.

For all the reasons I've just said, senate bill 646 should be passed into law.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Emily Watson