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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services  
Measure: SB646

Dear representatives,

I am writing on behalf of my sister Oriana Hornek to ask for your support of Senate Bill 646. Seven years ago her son Avery was born with a very rare epileptic disorder that has resulted in many severe impairments and medical complications. As he is non-verbal and non-mobile, one can imagine the immense challenges faced daily by my sister as his primary care giver. Having given up her teaching career to attend to Avery's acute needs, this bill would allow her and all the parents of disabled children to become paid caregivers using care hours already allotted to the child, but that often go unfilled. In the current home care workforce crisis, this bill would add to the labor force and give children like Avery the support they need.

When the pandemic began, some parents of the most severely disabled children were allowed to be paid caregivers. We are seeking your support to continue that program and expand it to more families. Data has shown that children who had access to this over the past 2 years have been happier, healthier, and more involved in their community.

Please help keep the positive outcomes of this program by supporting SB 646.

Thank you