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This legislation is essential to create a level playing field for persons with disabilities to participate economically and fully in their communities. To choose between one's healthcare and one's work is punishment and denies persons with disabilities the opportunity to contribute meaningfully. As a society, we educate young people with an expectation of working and contributing to community. To deny this to those with disabilities with substantial care needs makes no sense. Medicaid is essential to pay for many with care needs, and employment is also wanted and essential. Working people need access to Medicaid for services not covered by employer provided insurances.

The opportunity to have savings is important and helps to keep people from losing housing or transportation.

I completely support SB 576. I urge the legislature to pass this bill in this session.

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