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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Measure: SB5506

My name is Paige Hall, I'm a registered Oregon voter and here to talk about SB 91. I ask that you pass SB 91 through the committee and consider a bridge program using general funds to continue paying parent caregivers working under the PHE until SB 91 passes so those families are not thrown into crisis come May 11.

SB 91 is a continuation of the temporary program allowing parents of minor disabled children to be their paid caregiver under The Covid PHE.

This program has and will continue to change lives for some Oregonian families. For my personal story it changed my non verbal autistic and severely epileptic child's life for the better. Before the program they had unreliable, inconsistent and under qualified caregivers. The stress it put on my child affected his health(resulting in monthly hospital visits or more), it affected their ability to be included in the community and my ability to provide a stable source of income, food and housing without relying on state assistance.

With having his parent as his paid caregiver he has had a consistent and reliable source of safe and qualified care. Their physical and mental health has improved resulting in no hospital visits and better inclusion in the community. I am able to provide a stable source of income, food and housing for myself and child through this program without state assistance. This program through SB 91 costs tax payers less money in the short and long term. This program will help some Oregonian families go from barely surviving to thriving.