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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure: SB1565

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To: Senate Committee On Health Care
From: Monamarie McCreary
RE: Support of SB1565

As a grandparent of an autistic grandson being raised by his single mom, I can testify to the challenges our daughter and grandson have faced living on the small amount of money they receive from Social Security.

Our daughter cannot work because our grandson needs constant care. He's now 20 years old and will undoubtedly require constant care for the rest of his life.

I haven't read the entire bill, and it doesn't sound like it'll benefit our family but if it'll help any family that's experiencing what we've experienced then I hope you'll pass it and give some financial relief to families that are caring for these incredibly vulnerable loved ones.

Parents of high needs children are providing care that a stranger can't give most of these kids who aren't even able to communicate their needs or wants. If you spend a lot of time with a neurologically challenged child, you can get a better understanding of what they are trying to tell you & hopefully you figure it out before they become combative or melt down in another challenging way.

Trying to find a qualified care provider for disabled children that isn't the parent/guardian is incredibly challenging these days so please pay them what they are worth and ultimately save the state taxpayers money by avoiding other potential consequences of their long-term needs.

Thank you,
Monamarie McCreary