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Greetings Chairs Senator Campos and Chair Representative Valderrama, and members of the committee.

I hope this letter finds you well. I am Adam Logan, a vocal advocate for individuals with disabilities in Oregon. I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 5526 and its appropriation of funds from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS).

As an advocate, I have seen firsthand the critical role that DHS plays in the lives of individuals with disabilities. The services they provide, such as personal care and other independent living supports, are not luxuries but necessities that enable many people with disabilities to live dignified and independent lives. I commend the sponsors of SB 5526 for recognizing the importance of these services and their commitment to ensuring their adequate funding.

I want to take a moment to highlight Senate Bill 20, which I believe is deserving of full funding. SB 20 aims to empower individuals with disabilities by removing outdated asset and income limits that currently hinder their ability to save and earn money. By doing so, it not only improves the lives of individuals with disabilities but also benefits the state by encouraging financial self-sufficiency.

I urge you to consider the potential of SB 20 when allocating funds for DHS. The full funding of SB 5526 presents an opportunity to create a pathway towards greater independence and self-sufficiency for individuals with disabilities. By investing in DHS and supporting initiatives like SB 20, we are investing in the well-being of our communities and sending a strong message that every individual deserves the chance to reach their full potential.

I respectfully encourage you to fully fund Senate Bill 5526 and support the passage of SB 20. Together, we can remove barriers to independence and create a more inclusive and equitable society for all individuals with disabilities.

Thank you for considering my testimony. I look forward to the day when our state can truly say it has opened doors of opportunity for all its residents.

Respectfully,

Adam Logan