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Dear Committee Co-Chairs Campos and Valderrama, and fellow members of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services, Support: I am providing this testimony in support of SB20 being fully funded within ODHS's budget.

While I can understand the intentions behind the asset and income limits for eligibility of Medicaid services was designed to ensure the needs of our community members are met. The reality is that it is preventing many skilled and talented individuals from obtaining employment, growing their careers, and obtaining the quality of life they deserve. People should not have to choose between seeking out a career and advancing in their field or getting the necessary health care that is vital to their being. Not only does this harm individuals but it impacts businesses and organizations by restricting the labor pool, and limits the workplace from being as vibrant and diverse as it should be. People in the disability community face enough barriers in life, this one you have the power to change with the passage of this bill. I urge you all to vote in favor of Senate Bill 20.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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