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Dear Secretary

I wish to make a submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth's Inquiry into Better Support for Carers.

As a Carer, I feel that my role is

NOT RECOGNISED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR COUNTRY.

I face the following problems ...

ONGOING STRESS IN ORGANISING SUPPORT FOR MY SON AT SCHOOLS (HE HAS HAD 6) AND ALSO TRYING TO GET ENOUGH THERAPY SERVICES THAT ARE IMPERATIVE FOR HIM TO ENTER SOCIETY ADEQUATELY. I need help with ... FUNDING, SO THAT I CAN GET MY SON THE THERAPY HE NEEDS AND IS ENTITLED TO.

I think the Government can better help Carers by ...

MAKING SURE THEY ARE SUPPORTED IN THE AREAS REDUIRED, je; RESPITE, HOME CARE, EQUIPMENT & THERAPY. SUPPORT SUCH AS EXTRA FUNDING FOR ALL. FIVE SUBSIDISED VISITS PER YEAR THROUGH MEDICARE IS NOT Thank you for taking my views into consideration as part of the Committee's Inquiry. 1 look forward to ENOUGH: reviewing any recommendations you make to improve life for Carers in Australia.

Yours sincerely [Sign your name here] [Type or clearly print your name here] SUSAN

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