Committee Secretary Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth P.O. Box 6021 House of Representatives Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600 AUSTRALIA

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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 am still working 2 days a week, and other family members fill in the days that I work.

I face the following problems

- Constantly watching over my mother who is very fragile, and starting to fall now. I feel a need for a neck pendant with an alarm would be most helpful, and also a wheelie frame for support.
- [®] She has recently lost part of her eyesight, therefore I have to be more alert.

I think the government can help the Carers by providing the above services, seeing as we are willing to care for our family at home and not have to depend on nursing homes to look after them.

Thanks you for taking my views into consideration as part of the Committee's Inquiry. I look forward to reviewing my recommendations you make to improve life for Carers in Australia.

Your Sincerely.

Lynette