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Secretary Inquiry into Better Support for Carers Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth

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.

I look after my frail elderly (87 Yrs.) husband. It is a near full time job.

He is in the last stages of Parkinson's Disease. He also has asthma and chronic diarrhoea. "Accidents" due to the latter are cleaned up by me.

Without my care he would be in a nursing home at greater expense to the Government.

Financial recompense would be appreciated as I can't take on paid work.

I contribute to society as a volunteer in our community. I spend about 4 hours a month visiting an elderly lady in a Nursing Home who wants someone to talk with.

Thank you for taking my views into consideration as part of the Committee's Inquiry. I look forward to reviewing the remommendations you make in order to improve support for carers.

Yours sincerely,

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