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Committee Secretary Inquiry into Better Support for Carers House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth PO Box 6021 Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

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 an advocate for my sons right to be part of Society - I look after his basic needs including his daily living skills. I have listened as those who are there to support, decline his very rights to be heard.

I face the following problems ... As a carer, I cannot work, I cannot earn money and better or update any material possessions.

I need help with ... more services - and more money.

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

Being realistic about the amount of benefit to families. Increasing one off payments so families can afford to do the things other familes can, e.g. buy a car, have savings to buy a new fridge etc.

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

Yours sincerely

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