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Committee Secretary.

Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing & Youth

House of Representatives

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 for my wife who has Multiple Sclerosis a time frame of 24/7 is necessary. In my place. The family and I have made the decision for me to care for her and in doing so she is not a patient in a hospital or nursing home. For me to be her carer is a challenge as family members do not live in the area and I have Cancer diagnosed in 1996.

I have no social life as well as having my own medical treatment from time to time is difficult for us to find help to care for her in my absence.

The benefit of \$100.00 per flight all goes to home care staff who shower my wife throughout each week. I might add also that my wife has maintenance and the cost of medical supplies are costly.

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We are both on a Part Aged Pension
The above outlines our situation
and I at times find stress can be a
problem. Further I have been caring
for my wife since 30.8.04 when her
illness deteriorated

Having outlined my ~~post~~ position
as a carer, no doubt there are carers
with greater responsibilities than I and
need to be compensated for attention to
caring.

Yours Sincerely

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