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(Inq into better support for carers)

DEAR SECRETARY

I FEEL THAT MY ROLE IS AS PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER FOR MY HUSBAND WHO WAS INVOLVED IN A MOTOR ACCIDENT RESULTING IN A PERMANENT BRAIN INJURY. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FUNDING TO MAINTAIN LONGER TERM HOME CARE FOR MY HUSBAND. CURRENT ALLOWANCES DO NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THE CARE NECESSARY DUE TO THE ONSET OF OLD AGE WHICH WHEN COMBINED WITH EXISTING PROBLEM ASSOCIATED WITH BRAIN INJURY MAKES LIFE VERY DIFFICULT FOR MYSELF AND MY HUSBAND. NO HOLIDAYS, AND NO RESPITE, ALONG WITH INCREASED COST OF LIVING MAKES LIFE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. THE SAVINGS THE GOVERNMENT GETS FROM INCARE HOMECARE AS OPPOSED TO CARING FOR SOMEONE IN FUNDED NURSING FACILITIES IS ENORMOUS. THE CARE GIVER (OR PROVIDER) SHOULD RECEIVE ADEQUATE COMPENSATION FOR THE WORK THEY DO. LIFE DOES NOT STOP AT THE END OF AN 8 HOUR DAY.

Yours Sincerely.

ROSEMARY