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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 Inquiry into Better Support for Carers. As a carer I feel that my role is to support my husband at home for as long as it is possible. With a chronic neurological and physical disorder. He is unable to care and deal well with all aspects of daily living. Face the following problems as he deteriorates over time leaving him alone will be a big issue will be faced with more social isolation unless more hrs of care are made available 'In home' assistance. I need help with the knowledge and assurance that there will be access to suitable care facilities for special difficult illness. This could also be a major problem as we have a daughter who is at risk of the same illness.

I think the Government can better help carers by building more special needs accommodation for pre-retirement and young people. Also access to the support systems, 'One stop' packages as at present it is a mine field for carers to deal with.

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

Yours sincerely R
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