

**TO THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of Carers and Friends of citizens with a disability draws to the attention of the House: the restrictive guidelines and onerous costs involved in establishing and administering Special Disability Trusts to provide for the care of citizens with a disability into the future, particularly where a family has more than one disabled member.

We therefore ask the House to encourage more families to plan for the future care of their relatives with a disability, by urging the Government to:

1. amend the guidelines for Special Disability Trusts to make this vehicle for the provision of funding for the future care of a person with a disability more accessible, practical and financially viable; and
2. to consider making financial assistance available for the establishment and recurrent costs of Special Disability Trusts