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Ms Annette Ellis MP
Committee Chair
Inquiry into Better Care for Our Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Ellis

As a Carer, I wish to make a submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth's Inquiry into Better Care for Our Carers.

As a carer, I provide the following support

Personal, social + emotional support to my daughter who is 27 yrs of age.

I face the following problems ...

Reduced work hours.

I can't fully participate in social activities because ...

I am unable to leave my daughter at home alone. My social life is very restricted as I need to plan everything.

I am financially struggling because of ...

Reduced work hrs.

I need help with ...

Additional respite or support for my daughter to attend social events without me.

I would like to work (full-time or part-time) but have the following issues to deal with ...

Time restrictions

I need assistance to ...

I worry about my future because ...

what will happen to my daughter as I age or die.

The things that cause me stress are ...

accommodation :- The right accommodation with people she would enjoy living with. Also the future.

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

Funding, flexible + innovative respite options.

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

Yours sincerely

Belinda