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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's Inquiry into Better Support for Carers.

As a Carer, I feel my role is ....

A twenty four hour per day/seven day per week employment, even when I receive respite I am still on call for his needs.

I face the following problems ...

Lack of employed skilled carers to assistance me with my son's lifestyle. Insecurity for my son's and my future, as I am now sixty years of age and in remission from cancer. Insufficient funding for appropriate residential care, not an aged care facility currently available.

I need help with ...

Finding the appropriate residential care for my son, now and in the future.

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

Legislating to remove the Carer Payments, current managed by Centrelink. As this organization and government seem to classify Carer's as pensioners and are treated with distain. We work harder than any public servant, currently complaining about the number hours they are working under your government. Increase the payments for Carers to at least the minimum wage and make it non means/asset tested.

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

Yours sincerely

**Helen**

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