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Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth
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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 that my role is ...

- TO PROVIDE SUPPORT 24/7 FOR MY INTELLECTUALLY HANDICAPPED DAUGHTER (AGE 27) IN ALL ASPECTS OF DAILY LIVING

I face the following problems ...

- UNRELIABLE CARERS TO GIVE CONSISTENT RESPIRE SUPPORT AT HOME
(I SUGGEST A HIGHER LEVEL OF TRAINING AND PAY FOR CARERS TO RETAIN CARERS IN THE PROFESSION)
- CANNOT GO TO WORK DUE TO CARER COMMITMENTS
- CANNOT SAVE FOR RETIREMENT

I need help with ...

- MORE FUNDING FOR "ATE" PROGRAMS TO GIVE CLIENTS MORE TIME AWAY FROM HOME TO GAIN INDEPENDENCE.
- TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS AN INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM
- UNLIMITED RESPIRE TO COVER CARER ILLNESS

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

- SUPPLY SUBSIDISED SUPERANNUATION FOR CARERS AS WE CANNOT WORK AND SAVE FOR RETIREMENT. CARER PENSION SHOULD NOT BE MEANS TESTED.
- SUPPLY FUNDING FOR ACCOMMODATION SUPPORT FOR ALL CARERS OVER 70 YEARS OF AGE, TO PLACE OUR CHILDREN IN PERMANENT SUPPORTED GROUP HOMES BEFORE WE DIE.