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Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth
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Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600
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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

a great contribution to this country,
and must be recognised by this Government

I face the following problems ...

I have been caring for someone with
chronic illness for 30 years and now a piece
that there is no help when I need, and I am
suffering in silence facing financial, physical and
emotional problems.

I need help with ...

better pay, \$50 a week is an offence!!

I am saving the Government thousands!

I am appalled by the actions of Centrelink who
did not inform me of carer allowance availability
so I missed out 8 years of pay.

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

understanding the sacrifice that carers make
every day, the money that the Government save,
Much better pay, and help with patients with
mental illness.

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

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Inquiry into Better Support for Carers

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