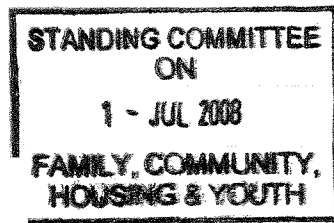


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Secretary

Inquiry into Better Support for Carers

Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth

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House of Representatives

Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

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

My role as a carer has been relentless for 44 years as I have twin sons with an intellectual disability and other health problems

Since my sons started school at the "Endeavour Foundation" I managed to work as a teacher, part-time at first and then full-time. I have paid my taxes and saved the government money by looking after them at home

My pressing need now, at age 71, is for an assurance that my sons will have a permanent, supported and safe home when I pass on. Our region has a woeful lack of suitable, purpose built accommodation for such people and I would like to implore the government to put up the necessary

bricks and mortar along the lines of retirement villages.