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to whom it may concern,

my name is Anthony , im thirteen years of age and i have been looking after my mother Karalee who has multiple sclerosis for approx. 7 years.
i have basically spent majority of my life taking care of my mom,well ever since i was six and my parents split up i basically took up the role of man of the house and main carer of my mother, at the time i was thinking how am i going to take up these extra roles and also keeping up with school, then as time went on things started get better and easier then i had to move away from where i had grown up for most of my life to where i am now, everything just changed and i went into a phase and place in my head where everything just felt wrong, but i gotten used to everything and made some new freinds.i look back now and everything is just a routine now, but ive also found now that im not working ive got no money, too much energy, not getting enough sleep and failing math's.i am trying to find work but not to good at the moment. i seem to be drifting sorry, the emotion that comes from looking after someone with ms, you basically have no time for your self and no time for socializing and it really affects you emotionally and you feel like there's no one to talk to. i also applied for carers allowence and was knocked back because so possidly my mom was not at a level they would consider appropriate, which i thought was crap, please excuse my language, i definitely think i should have got it. that's basically all i have to say, i dont mind being a witness at a hearing.

kind regards