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Ms Annette Ellis MP
Committee Chair
Inquiry into Better Care for Our Carers
Housing of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Ellis

As a Carer, I wish to make a submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth's Inquiry into Better Care for Our Carers.

As a carer, I provide the following support *Shower, dress & do all necessary things for my husband.*

I face the following problems ...

my husband won't go out with anyone, so it is hard for me to go out. I spend most of my time at home. To go out, we need to get taxis. I can't fully participate in social activities because ... my husband has become dependant on me & I does not like me to leave him

I am financially struggling because of ...

taxi costs, costs of support services, eg Hacc fees.

I need help with ... *Grocery shopping, window cleaning etc. In the future will most probably require extra help.*

I would like to work (full-time or part-time) but have the following to deal with .~~X~~

I need assistance to ... *leave for my husband when I have appointments & also when I need time for myself.*

I worry about my future because ... *If I am ill, I worry how I will manage*

The things that cause me stress are ...

His obsession with money, and his inappropriate comments, which are due to his dementia.

I think the Government can better help Carers by

Variety of services, and better co-ordinated services.

Thank you for taking my views into consideration as part of the Committee's Enquiry.

I look forward to reading the report and reviewing any recommendations you make to improve life for Carers in Australia.