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(Inq into better support for carers)

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To: Committee, Reps (REPS)

Subject: Carers of WA

INQUIRY INTO BETTER SUPPORT FOR CARERS

I am a mother and carer of my 36 year old daughter with Huntington Disease.

I have been caring now for 4 years and found the road hard and devastating to watch a beautiful fun loving girl who was a Veterinary Nurse and a great lover of animal, just deteriorate day by day.

I love my daughter very much and this disease has put a toll on my health and well being and the pressures of day to day care is very tiring.

Because I am full on each day helping my daughter in most things that she can not manage, I also do washing, ironing, clean her room, wash floors as food is dropped every day, pay her bills and do her shopping, she needs my full attention.

I do have carers who takes her out for 4hrs and that gives me time to catch up on things I need to do.

I NEED HELP WITH 1st Respite for young people, the places are few, I found one place Serenity House up in the hills, the lady takes only 4 people at a time, and because of the number she gets no government support.....so the cost for my daughter to be there is to expensive for the association and other groups to pay on a on going base, for every two months away for 8 days, so that my husband and I can have a break and so can my daughter.

WE NEED A BREAK to coupe.

OLD PEOPLES HOMES Are not for the young.....The Government can help by giving our young a place that they feel comfortable and in contact with other young people, PLEASE PLEASE HELP, there will be a time my daughter will need full care and it would break my heart if she had to be with much older people.

We as Carers all love our loved ones and wish them the best that life can bring under the circumstance.....so please help us to help them.

Thank you for reading my e mail

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