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(Inq into better support for carers)

Committee Secretary  
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 submission to be House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth's inquiry into Better Support for Carers

I feel that my role is Husband's Carer.

I contribute to Australian society by working full time ,paying taxes and attempting to support my husband to the expect possible within my power.

I face the following problems: being unable to attend to my husband needs single handedly.

I can't fully participate in social life because my husband requires full time care and attention.

I am financially struggling because of the limited financial resources

I worry about my future because the illness of my husband and uncertainly of my future.

The things the stress me the most being a carer are lack of support by the system in that in particular the Department of Immigration shows lack of sensitivity in that we require support from overseas relatives both physically and emotionally

I need help somebody help me 24 hours morally and physically think that for my niece to come to come here releief my stress.

I need to have to move my husband to showering, toileting, dressing, undressing, Feeding and Communicating (He can't speak and difficult to understand) and to be with him 24 hours and this would help me because it would enable me to work fulltime peacefully.

I think the Government can better help me to provide visa for my overseas relatives both physically and emotionally. We were waiting for one and half year for assistance from Cmmunity independence Support Services Inc and they were provided 10 hours per week.

Yours sincerely



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