

**Good, Laura**

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**Subject:** Home and Community Based Services - Medicaid Waiver Program

We wish to submit our written testimony in support of the Home and Community Based Services - Medicaid Waiver Program.

I am Nola Rock. My husband, David Rock, is in advanced stages of Multiple Sclerosis. He is bedridden and needs others to care for him.

We were made aware of the Medicaid Waiver Program over 6 years ago when my husband's health rapidly declined to an invalid stage. Our home had no handicap facilities nor did we have necessary handicap equipment. The Medicaid Waiver Program did necessary renovation to our home to allow us to care for David in our home, including adding a handicap bathroom with a roll-in shower and a lift. They also provided necessary handicap equipment.

In recent years our youngest son was having difficulties for which we put him in counseling. I was told by the counselor that a big part of the problem was our son felt no one had time for him. The Medicaid Waiver Program has arranged for a nurse to care for Dave in the mornings, instead of me, so I could drive my son to school. I had taken care of Dave myself for years, but because it took so much time I was very late for work and would have to work late to finish my work.

The Medicaid Waiver Program has also provided respite care for David so my children and I can travel out-of-town on occasion.

Further, Medicaid has paid for Dave's prescriptions and other necessary devices, such as catheters and drainage bags.

We want to thank the Medicaid Waiver Program and the personnel who run it for their help. Our family was placed in a very difficult situation with my husband's disease, both financially and emotionally. The Medicaid Waiver Program has helped us out tremendously, for which we are very thankful.

If there is anything further you need, or other information I can provide, you can contact us at:

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Thank you.

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