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From: Mary Jane Bean
To: Montana Legislature

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Chairman Clerk and Committee, I completely agree with the Senior Health and Long Term Care Budget.

I have been a client of this program for many years. I feel my Hab. Aides and PCAs would be able to be more effective if they had better pay and benefits. These are burn-out jobs. They help keep so many of us stay out of Nursing Homes and in our own homes.

Because I have Epilepsy, Lupus and High Blood Pressure, I don't feel less of a person because my workers help me to be more independent, to get my food, go to my doctors and keep myself and home in order and clean.

Their pay includes no benefits, few raises, and an incomplete milage rebate. My mother always taught me when I was growing up that I should treat others the way I want to be treated. Montana is a big state and should adjust the pay and benefits for the Habs, PCAs and the Agencies.

Is Montana's Health Program going to fail even before it's off the ground?

Thank-you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Bean