Dear Appropriations Committee 1-26-09

My name is Melissa Stoh. I am 22 years old and I have been a PCA for three years now. I ~~though~~ enjoy my job very much. I am also a mother of three children. It is very hard sometimes to be a young mother with no college degree. I have that we do get the money raise cause that would help so much to be able to breathe a bit easier. It is very hard for the handicapped to get good people to do quality PCA work. I feel if it was a little higher paying a lot more people would be interested in caregiving. This job has perks but it has its downfalls too and pay is one of them. As a PCA, I know you have to work very hard to keep your client happy, healthy and taken care of well. My job as a PCA is to help with (ADL) Activities of Daily Living. We are there with our clients helping them live out their day to day lives. I don't think that those of us who haven't experienced ~~the~~ the way they live, take for granted the small ~~things~~ things it takes just to live.

Melissa Stoh
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