

Aging Committee, Senator Edith Prague and Rep. Joseph Serra and distinguished members:

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H.B. 5111 Alzheimer's Respite Care Program

This program can not be cut funds....this program is well needed for the patient and the family...It is very hard to care for someone who is unaware of their surroundings and unaware of the danger due to their mind state. This program helps have care in the home and gives some relief to the family so they can function normal and not get depressed and overworked with this care....

Please save this program and give every caregiver and patient the care and respect needed to go on caring for patients with this awful disease....I am here to tell the pain my family went through with out any type of help and this program is well needed...The state needs to understand it is a mind crippling disease!!!

I am willing to help in any way possible to get this out and volunteer.. I feel my mother passed before she needed to because their is not enough education and programs out their.She had Dementia!!!! Someone did not understand her disease and she die at the hands of them!!!! I grieve every day over this!!!!

Sincerely,

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