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Senator Bye, Representative Abercrombie and Members of the Appropriations Committee,

I would first like to take the time to thank you all for the opportunity to submit my written testimony.

My name is Lynn Norton and I am a resident of Plymouth, CT. I am an individual who is able to live independently in my community with multiple sclerosis with help from the Connecticut Home Care Program for Adults with Disabilities.

I extend my appreciation to Governor Malloy and the Legislature for their long standing support of the Connecticut Home Care Program for Adults with Disabilities.

I am asking that the Appropriations Committee provide funding for an additional 50 slots for the Connecticut Home Care Program for Adults with Disabilities (CHCPAD).

CHCPAD is Connecticut's only home care program with care management for adults between the ages of 19-64 who have degenerative neurological diseases. The program currently has a waiting list of over 100 people.

The average yearly cost of home care for individuals on the program is \$16,000 compared to a cost of \$72,000 per year if the individual were to be on Medicaid and living in a nursing home. SAVINGS: \$56,000 per person per year for a total of over \$2.8 million annually.

The program helps to keep younger people at home and out of nursing homes. It provides services including home health care, home delivered meals, adult day care, homemaker services and care management.

As a participant in the Connecticut Home Care Program for Adults with Disabilities I am able to live in my own home with my husband and 17-year-old son. CHCPAD provides me with 19 hours a week of home care assistance that is

crucial to my independence and family function. My caregivers help me get to doctor's appointments, assist with mobility transfers, help with dressing, grocery shopping, meal preparation, home care and chore assistance. CHCPAD allows for more time to be spent together as a family as well as on raising our son than on managing my care.

Please continue funding this program. For all of us on the program, we are just one medical crisis away from going to a nursing home. This program is helping me remain independent and with my family.

Thank you.

Lynn Norton