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Testimony In Support of the
CT Home Care Program for Adults with Disabilities
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Senator Bye, Representative Abercrombie and Members of the
Appropriations Committee,

Thank you to the committee for the opportunity to submit written testimony. My name is Gail Wolcott and I am a participant in the CT Home Care Program for Adults with Disabilities. I have been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis for the past 30 years. I live in South Windsor.

I want to thank Governor Malloy and the Legislature for their on-going support of the state-funded Connecticut Home Care Program for Adults with Disabilities.

Please provide funding for an additional 50 slots in the Connecticut Home Care Program for Adults with Disabilities (CHCPAD).

CHCPAD is important because it is the only home care program with case 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.

I have been on the program for less than a year. The services I receive at home include a worker that helps me and provides home making support. She helps me with rehabilitation exercises, meal preparation, laundry and with transferring in the bedroom and bathroom.

The program has helped me to stay at home. It has preserved my dignity and independence. I believe that I would be in a nursing home if it were not for this program. Although I live with my son and daughter-in-law, they are working and are unable to provide the daily care that I require.

This program saves money. It is much less expensive for me to participate in this program, but if I was in a nursing home I would be on Medicaid and the facility costs would be much more expensive.

I am asking that you include funding for an additional 50 slots in the CT Home Care Program for Adults with Disabilities.

Thank you.