

Dear Becky Hadiaris,

Thank you for including me in your email of 03/07/2025 regarding the public hearing on the bill related to RESITE for ME funding. I would like to respond via email please.

My husband, Gilman, will be 80 years old soon and has so many health issues that I can't list them all here. I would say his worst issue is his lack of balance which results in falls and vomiting. He also has a bone marrow issue that leaves him fatigued.

I still need to work two ten-hour days a week due to the cost of living. I work in a medical office and enjoy my position, plus the part time status allows for many benefits. It offers me a bit of respite also.

The respite care we received last year was BEYOND WORDS, helpful! It allowed me to get people in to check on my husband and offer meals on my workdays. I can't afford it without the respite assistance, so my nephew came over and put cameras in our apartment so I can at least keep an eye on him while I'm at work.

Both my husband and I obviously appreciated the help. He was relieved to know I had a bit of peace while I was out of the house. I felt a huge sense of relief.

We are so thankful that we were able to benefit from the program last year! It would be wonderful if that could continue.

Thank you so much for being part of this.

Sincerely,

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