

To the Legislators,

Hello, I am Patricia Hall from Pittsburg, KS. I am 70 years old and receive 29.75 hours of in home help through the HCBS Frail Elderly waiver. My Direct Support Worker cooks my meals, does housekeeping, laundry, grocery shopping, and takes me to doctor appointments. I have severe arthritis and spinal issues. My monthly income is \$1,290.12 and I pay a monthly client obligation of \$113.12 so I can continue to get these services. Not having to pay a client obligation would help me a great deal.

I live in housing based on my income which helps but I still struggle to keep my rent and other bills paid and to buy enough groceries to last the month. I try to budget what I can, but it is difficult to make sure I have household goods and cleaning supplies for my workers to use in order to keep my home clean. Sometimes I have to rely on my family to help, which I did not plan to do when I retired.

If I did not have a client obligation to pay that would give me a little more room to make sure that I can keep my bills paid and food in my house without having to choose between the two. Not having to pay this client obligation every month would be one worry that would be a weight off my mind and I could be a little more independent. I would be grateful for your help in increasing the protected income level so myself and others would not have to pay a client obligation. We need to be able to keep our money to help us pay bills and be healthy. Thank you for your time.

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