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Dear Kansas Legislators,

Hello, my name is Alma Williams. I am 75 years old and live in Bronson, KS. I get services on the HCBS Physical Disability waiver with 44 hours a week plus Sleep Cycle Support. My workers help me in my home by cooking meals, housekeeping, managing medications, help with showers and grooming, getting to the bathroom, driving me to medical appointments, and reading my mail to me. I have glaucoma, scoliosis, diverticulitis, gout, arthritis, and have had eight hip surgeries. I live on my monthly Social Security check. I pay \$250.00 each month for my client obligation to keep my services.

I use a walker because of the scoliosis and am legally blind from the glaucoma. I need help navigating my home. The assistance from my workers are vital to me staying in my home. Without them I would have to go to a nursing facility. I want to stay in my own home.

If I did not have to pay a client obligation, the extra money would help pay my utilities and buy groceries. Because I have gout I have to be careful what I eat, healthy foods are so much more expensive though. I do not get food stamps to help with buying groceries. I also have some over the counter medications that I have to take all the time that I have to pay out of pocket for. I could use that \$250.00 each month to help with these things if I did not have to pay a client obligation. I would appreciate you helping to increase the protected income level so I do not have pay this and could keep my money to help with the things I mentioned.

Please support this to help myself and others keep our money to live healthier.

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