



EVERY HOUR COUNTS:

Reject the Proposed Cuts to Care and Caregivers' Hours

The purpose of human life
is to serve, and to show
compassion and the will to
help others.

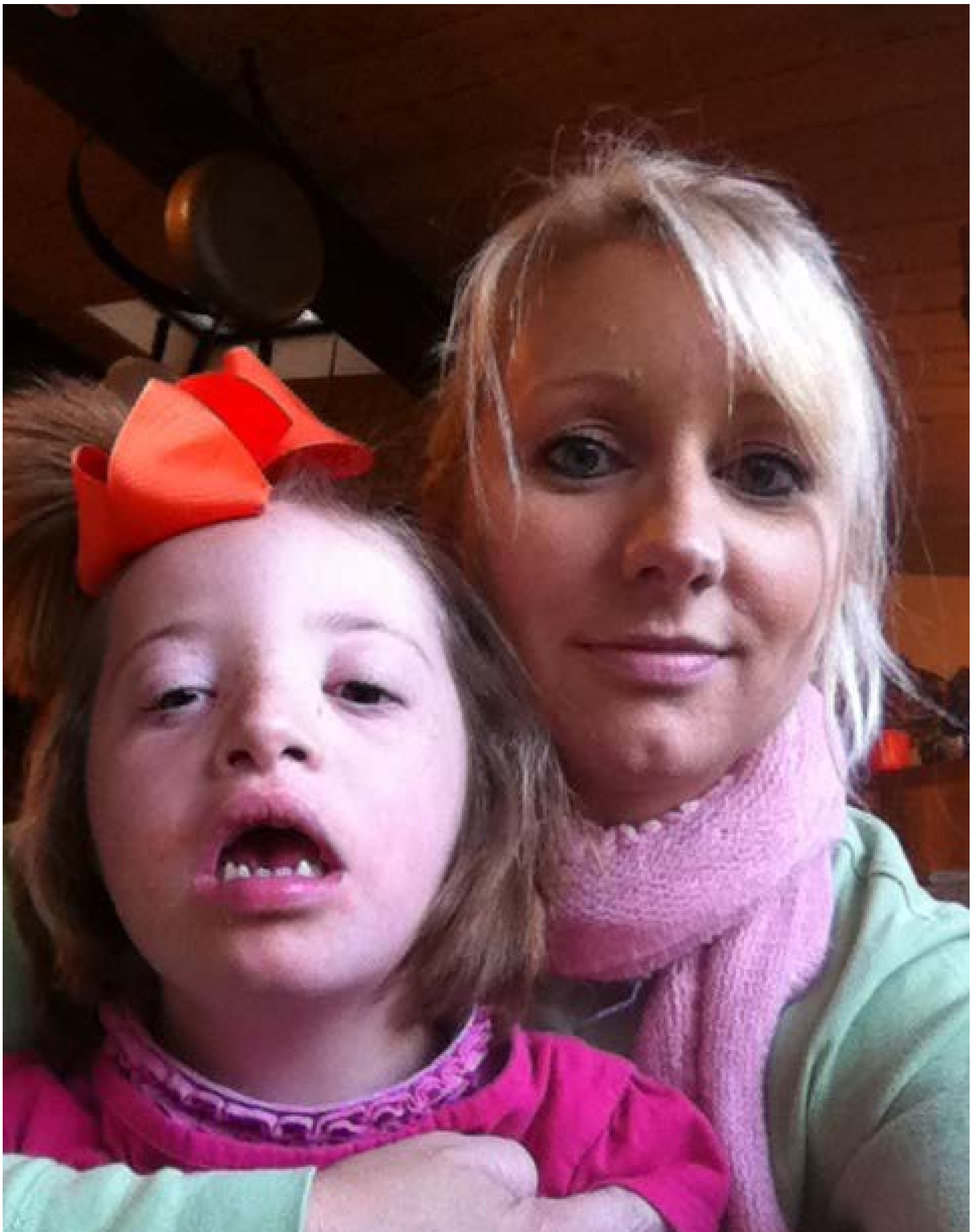
-Albert Schweitzer



My daughter Tiana was born with Down's Syndrome and she's also autistic. She has limited ability to communicate with strangers, but her heart is big and she loves everyone.

By capping IHSS caregiver hours, Governor Brown would replace my care with care from a stranger who doesn't speak her language.

Jenell Allen, IHSS Caregiver, San Luis Obispo County



Tiana - all dressed up!

I care for my wife Tina, who has multiple sclerosis. I cook for her, bathe her, clothe her, handle her personal care and manage her daily physical therapy.

Louis James, IHSS Caregiver, Los Angeles County



Tina and I taking a trip down memory lane :)

My son Tobin is my life. He has cerebral palsy and needs me to feed him, bathe him, clothe him and handle all of his personal care.

As the sole income-earner for our household, we'll go bankrupt if the Governor's proposal passes.

Bonita Munoz, IHSS Caregiver, Sonoma County



Tobin loves rallies!

My son Justin is blind and has cerebral palsy. He can't talk, is in a wheelchair, has to be tube-fed and suffers from seizures. I will take care of him no matter what, but if I lose hours we'll be forced to go on welfare.

Denise Hunter, IHSS Caregiver, Amador County



Justin and I, in our home

My daughter Monica is 46-years old but has the mental capacity of a 5-year old. She depends on me to keep her healthy and happy.

I can't bear the thought of leaving her in the hands of a stranger, because I would have to get a second job.

Marcia McGee, IHSS Caregiver, Sutter County



Preparing a tasty meal for Monica

I quit my job as a real estate agent to care for my 40-year old daughter, Christy. Christy has the mental capacity of a 7-year old and can't live independently. If my hours are cut, Christy and I would lose our house.

Mary Burch, IHSS Caregiver, Modesto County



Christy and I, outside our lovely home

My son Angel suffers from schizophrenia and is developmentally delayed. He's very impulsive and can't be left alone to make decisions for himself. A stranger couldn't handle his care.

Michelle Franklin, IHSS Caregiver, Contra Costa County



Angel and I, fighting for homecare at the Capitol

My husband Robert suffers from Lou Gherig's disease. He's wheelchair bound and depends on me to remain in our home. If my hours are cut, we're just going to have to turn to food banks and our church to survive.

Tammy Stiles, IHSS Caregiver, Mendocino County



Robert and I, strolling the Capitol halls

When my sister passed away 25 years ago, she left behind a daughter with Down's Syndrome. I've cared for my niece Sue ever since and can't imagine a stranger replacing me.

Yong Soung, IHSS Caregiver, Santa Clara County



Sue loves her scarves!

I care for my granddaughter Patricia. Patricia suffers from severe respiratory and developmental disabilities. She has to be tube-fed and has at least 2 surgeries per year. Despite that, she thrives because of my constant loving care and I don't want that jeopardized.

Liz Delgado, IHSS Caregiver, San Jose County



Liz and I, inside our home

I care for my daughter Rosa, who has a developmental disability. She depends on me, and I will never let her down, but we both depend on my paycheck, which keeps getting cut.

Maria Cibrian, IHSS Caregiver, Los Angeles County



Rosa is a hugger :)

I care for an 84-year old man named Salem who is very fragile and speaks Arabic. Since I'm one of the rare caregivers that also speaks Arabic, I can communicate with him in his language.

Faye Abdulrahman, IHSS Caregiver, Santa Clara County



Hanging-out w/ Salem and Violet

I've spent the last 18 years caring for my blind younger sister Andrea, who suffers from schizophrenia, obsessive compulsive disorder, and developmental disabilities. If my hours are cut, there's no telling how I'll put food on the table or pay our rent.

Tonya York, IHSS Caregiver, Santa Clara County



Just relaxing with Andrea at home