

October 20, 2014
Hon. Tom Reed
US House of Representatives, 29th District
1504 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Hon. Reed:

I have recently spoken with several members of the Center for Disability Rights who have expressed their grave concerns regarding the United States Department of Labor's new rule on overtime for companion services.

As I am sure you are aware, the US DOL published changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act that will require state Medicaid programs to pay time and a half and pay for travel time. These federal changes have forced many states to fund these new requirements immediately forcing states to make difficult and immediate choices to adhere to the new law. To rectify this situation, CDR would like legislation introduced on the federal level. They have forwarded to me a copy of this legislation which I am forwarding to you for your review.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of CDR's request. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards!
Sincerely,

Joseph E. Robach
56th Senate District

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