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Candidate Statement

I have had years of experience of hospital bedside nursing. As a retired hospital nurse I have volunteered to care for elderly family members and others within my community. I have first-hand knowledge of issues that the elders face and how difficult it is for them to work within the system. Our elders face a system that for many of them does not offer services, for which Medicare will pay. As a caregiver for the elderly and disabled I have learned our state laws are weak in areas so it is easy to take advantage of the elderly and disabled. Sometimes to the point most nurses may have felt the person was being abused, but it is difficult to show emotional harm. If a person is having money diverted or used for things they do not need, a concerned, person has difficulty to get an investigation. Unless an elder or disabled person is physically harmed our laws do not side to protect them. I have contacted my representative and senator in Salem who both are willing to improve our laws, but I can not do it by myself. Hopefully, all of us will be old someday. Even if you are still lucky to be young, this issue affects our parents, grandparents and our communities. Help me to help our state’s most vulnerable.

Current and Past ONA Leadership Positions and Related Experience

• Cabinet of Nursing Practice and Research, 2012-2019  
• Unit Representative at OHSU, 1977-2010  
• University of Oregon Hospital bargaining unit treasurer, 1978-1980