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Hello Co-Chair Olsen, Co-Chair Walker and Distinguished Members of the Committee,

My name is Mary-Ann Langton, and I live in West Hartford. I **OPPOSE against Imposing an Asset Test on the Medicare Savings Programs and Proposed Additional Quantity Limits for Medical Equipment and Supplies under Medicaid** for the following reasons.

The three Medicare Savings Programs are essential for people with disabilities who cannot afford the premiums and other cost-sharing under Medicare. Yet, they have too-much incomes to qualify for Medicaid. Presently, there is not an asset test for any of these programs so no documentation is requested from the Department of Social Services -DSS. However, if documentation is requested from DSS, many people with disabilities would need to rely on others, in order to collect the necessary paperwork. In addition, the paperwork will place more stress on the DSS Workers.

As a woman with a disability who uses a power wheelchair, I am extremely concerned about “*implementing quantity limits on medical equipment devices and supplies.*” DSS already applies quantity limits to some supplies so why do people with disabilities need to worry about having even more restrictions. To regards to medical equipment devices, it is essential for me to select a power wheelchair that will give me the needed comfort and support so I can live a productive life in the community. Just a note, I am in my power wheelchair about 14 hours a day.

Thank you.