

### **Laura Musse Testimony**

My name is Laura Musse and I am the caregiver for my husband Rene Musse, who is diagnosed with Frontal Temporal Dementia. His condition started slowly at age 45. He is now soon to be 79. I had to retire early to become his full-time caregiver.

We do not qualify for Medicaid and have benefited for the Montgomery County ARC program (Respite Care) greatly. It is through this program that I am able to attend to my medical care and get a break in my daily routine. I was able to get coverage for my cataract surgery, but had to get one eye operated on first and then wait until the following year to get the other eye done. I value the 140 hours that are given yearly. Its not enough as long procedures that I must undergo take a backseat. It would be so helpful if the hours offered for Respite care were increased. Again, I am very grateful that this program exists.

Sincerely, Laura Musse