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My name is Rachel Mast. I am 25 years old, and I live in Olathe, KS. I graduated from Olathe South High School in 2018.

I am a patient greeter in patient transport and the University of Kansas Hospital. I love my job. I have had this job for almost two years. I love my team. I get paid holidays and vacations, too. I would love for you to visit me at my job.

I love my job and making my own money. I am very proud of my job. I save part of my money in my **ABLE Account**. I also use my money to pay for my Jazzercise, Theatre Class, and my Improv Class. I really enjoy taking my parents out to eat.

I have a boyfriend and have always dreamed of getting married. My boyfriend has Down syndrome. If we were married, we would lose some of the benefits that help us to be able to be independent. We would not be able to make as much money as we do. This is called the Marriage Penalty. I do not think this is fair. Like my friends, I want to have a big wedding. I want to be married by my pastor. Will you please support the **Eliminating the Marriage Penalty in SSI (EMPSA) Act (H.R. 7055)**?

I would also like you to support the **SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act (S. 2767/ H.R. 5408)**. I am able to put some of the money I earn in my ABLE account, but it is still hard because I can only have \$2,000 in assets and not lose my Medicaid Waiver support. I am also limited in the amount of money I can earn before I lose those supports. This is not fair. Would you please support this bill?

It would make my heart happy if you would support these bills. My mom has more information and a one-pager for you to learn more.

Thank you for supporting me and my friends with Down syndrome and others with different abilities. If you have questions, please let me know.

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