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I hope you are doing well. I have missed you. I wanted to send you an update about my life.

I have been working for four and a half years as a Patient Greeter in Patient Transport at the University of Kansas Health System. I am proud I get paid holidays and vacation time, just like my coworkers. I love my job and making my own money. I save some of my earnings in my ABLE Account, and I also use my money for Jazzercise, Theatre Class, and Improv Class. Some of my favorite things are taking my parents out to eat and buying my mom flowers.

Thank you for introducing the **ABLE Employment Flexibility Act (S.2459/H.R.4644)**. It makes me happy that you and my Congresswoman, Sharice Davids, are leaders on this important bill.



I am asking you to please support the **Savings Penalty Elimination Act (S.2767/H.R.5408)**. Senator Cassidy, Senator Cortez Masto, Representative Fitzpatrick, and Representative Davis all support this bill. Right now, people on SSI can only save a small amount of money before they lose their benefits. That rule has not changed since 1989. This bill would let us save up to \$10,000. It would also fix an unfair rule about marriage. Right now, if I marry someone who also gets SSI, we would only be allowed to save \$3,000 together, even though we could each save \$4,000 on our own. This bill would fix that. It would help millions of people with disabilities save money and plan for the future. I have always dreamed of getting married and living in a pink house.

Finally, I am proud that I get paid fairly, just like everyone else. It is not fair when people with disabilities get paid less just because they have a disability. The **Transformation to Competitive Integrated Employment Act (S.2438/H.R.4771)** would help end this. Senators Steve Daines and Chris Van Hollen, and Representatives Pete Sessions and Bobby Scott, all support this bill. It would help states make changes so people with disabilities can work next to their coworkers, earn at least minimum wage, and get the same benefits. It would make me happy if you would support this bill too, so people with disabilities can be treated fairly.

Thank you for supporting me, my friends with Down syndrome, and others with different abilities. I would still love for you to come and visit me at my job. If you have questions, I would be glad to answer them.

Your Friend,

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