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This was her first email.

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To: Wolf, Anne
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Hi Ann,

It was good to talk to you this morning. It is good to know we have you and your office working on this.

My dad, Eugene Griggs, is 95 years old and lives in Lugoff, SC. He is an Army WWII veteran, having served in France and Germany.

Dad has been the recipient of the Veteran Directed Care Program from the Dorn VAMC. Through the program, we have been able to hire caregivers for 44 hours per week to take care of him in his home. With the Aide and Assistance Program's approximate \$1780 per month, we are able to keep our dad at home. We pay the other hours through Dad's personal funds and through his daughters staying each weekend.

Without this program, we will need to come up with this money on our own. However, our dad's personal funds will be used up in a few short weeks. Each of the daughters are retired and on our own limited incomes.

Because dad has been able to stay home, he has remained relatively healthy. He does have congestive heart condition, but it is controlled through medicines. He suffers from dementia, but still knows all of his family members. If he were to have to go into a skilled nursing facility, we fear this will be taken away from him. This type of move will be very stressful on him. Not to mention, the cost of skilled nursing care will cost more.

Dad has always told everyone that he was going to live until 100. The rate he is going, we think he just might!!

Dad was always so proud to wear his WWII hat whenever he was able to go out to eat or to the senior citizen's group with his caregivers or family members. Every time we were at a restaurant, someone would always come over and shake his hand and thank him for his service. This made him so happy!!

We hope and pray that now the Directed Care Program will be reinstated. We cannot let our veterans down now by ignoring their care during this time of their lives.

Thank you for your help.
Connie Sessions
Daughter