



S.51 UNPAID CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT

TAKING CRITICAL ACTION TO SUPPORT
VERMONT'S CAREGIVERS



April 10, 2025

Dear Chair Kornheiser and members of the House Committee on Ways and Means,

More than 20,000 Vermonters provide unpaid care to a loved one with dementia; 1 in 4 spend more than 40 hours a week on caregiving responsibilities. S.51, An act relating to the Vermont unpaid caregiver tax credit, passed the Senate and was sent to your committee in March. This legislation would establish a refundable tax credit for Vermont's unpaid caregivers, recognizing the critical contributions and significant burdens they face, particularly those caring for a family member with Alzheimer's or another dementia. This burden disproportionately affects women, strains family finances impacts, workforce participation, and places demands on our healthcare system.

This bill represents a crucial step towards valuing and supporting the essential work of Vermont's unpaid caregivers. We ask you to please take up and support S.51 this session.

Respectfully,

Catherine Alexander, Burlington, my grandmother had alzheimers we invested a great amount of unpaid time caring for her and dedicated a great amount of finances to keep her with family.

Carmen Sleeper, W. VT former full time, direct caregiver for my mother who passed away 9/2022

Ann Marie Sullivan Essex Jct so much care is done but unpaid!



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Jenni Stevenson - Burlington

Thank you for considering this very important piece of legislation!

Nathalie Coline Colchester

My father passed from complications r/t
Alzheimer's, mother was primary caregiver

Aaron Brush - Middlebury

↳ Uncle passed away from ALZ.

Megan Culp, Hartford - have 2 friends who have
died of Alz + another one w/ progressive dementia.
This ~~it~~ would help their care taken for so much unpaid
care!

Michael I. Bism II, - Springfield

Betsy Bianchi, Killington The burden on family caregivers
is HUGE! Thank you for acknowledging us!

Jon Boufon - Hartford - This very small amount
will make a significant difference for caregivers.
~~It~~ I wish it had been available while I cared
for my former wife, Judi.

Rachel Wiley - Occupational Therapist with the Dementia
Collaborative
this would be a huge help for many of my
clients.



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Jarvis Wiley of South Burlington - I have experienced the financial burden of being a caregiver.

Pamela Smith, Middlebury - My mother has advancing dementia and lives with me. I am a full time unpaid caregiver. We have nearly used up all our savings from care expenses. Every little bit would help!

Harry Claire (Carol) - Richmond

Caregivers need support!
Akerie Lewis - Montpelier Caregiver for 3 generations of family w/ Alzheimers

Kathy + Carl Nuttall MT. HOLLY, VT.

NANCY WICKES + DAN QUARANTO BEVERLY, VT.

LISA L. ASCHBACHER Quechee, VT Advocate
FATHER PASSED w/ ALZHEIMERS

Morgan Aldridge - Winooski, VT - Father has been diagnosed and family members who care for him need all the assistance they can get.

KENNETH E. THOMPSON - W. HARTFORD, VT
witnessed the toll on all involved, please help!



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Abigail Palaza - My dad was diagnosed with younger-onset AD at age 50. Both of my parents are retired - my mom providing full-time unpaid care. An extra \$1,000 could mean the difference ~~for~~ allowing my parents to visit family when constrained by travel expenses from caregiving.

Kevin Baxter - Burlington - Both my grandmothers had dementia & it was a big family effort to help both of them in their later years. This credit ~~is~~ is so important & needs to be increased going forward.

Luke L'Abbe Burlington - My uncle was diagnosed 5 years ago and I have seen the impact it has had on him and our family.