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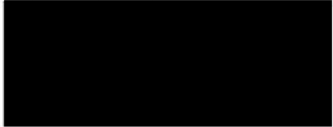
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December 26, 2024

From: Amor Barcenas



On behalf of

Victoria T. Barcenas; CalPERS ID: 2127259913



To: CalPERS Retirement System
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Subject: Argument Letter Regarding Denial of, and, Therefore, Requesting for, Approval of Disability Retirement Benefits for Victoria Barcenas - OAH No: 2023010535; Case Name: Barcenas, Victoria T.; Hearing Date: October 2, 2024

Dear CalPERS Disability Retirement Team,

My name is Amor Barcenas, daughter of Victoria Barcenas. I am writing this argument letter on behalf of my mother as a request for your consideration in approving my mother's application for disability retirement benefits.

It pains me to see her struggle since her injury on October 20, 2016, which has majorly impacted not only her ability to work but also her lifestyle. Since the injury, our family has seen her change. We have noticed that she frequently has issues with her memory. She would constantly forget or lose her essential items such as her phone, cane, and bag, even with reminders. Most of the time we can find the missing item, but without our support. I worry for her. This does not apply to only lost items, she often forgets about appointments and things we talk about and tell her.

My mother also deals with mobility issues, the pain all over her body restricts her movements, making it difficult for her to accomplish certain motions such as getting out of bed, walking, and getting into a car, just to name a few examples. She would call out in pain sometimes, startling us, but I understood why she would do that. Her chronic pain limits her abilities, and tasks she

previously could perform with ease pre-injury, have now been troublesome to manage on her own without the extra support from others like me and my sister.

As her daughters, my sister (15 years old) Angel and I (20 years old) have adapted to her situation by taking on various caregiving responsibilities to support her. We would help her apply her Lidocaine patches and cream, split her pills and organize the medication into pillboxes, fill out her paperwork, and take on her household chores like dishes, laundry, and generally picking up after her.

Despite our best efforts, the physical and emotional toll on our family is immense. While I was living at home, I had to learn to be patient to handle her sudden change of emotions and outbursts, which was not an easy journey. I am a college student, and so while I am away at college, my sister is left to supervise my mother while our father works long hours as the only one working to help us make ends meet. We have been struggling for a long time financially, and the retirement income she has isn't sufficient. She does her best to take care of her health and nutrition for her recovery, but trying to adhere to the healthcare demands is costly.

Before her injury, my mother was a very diligent and hardworking woman who took pride in her work and responsibilities. I can recall back to when she was working, she would bring home stories of praise from her boss and colleagues. I always admired her work ethic along with her commendable attitude of staying positive regardless of the situation. I know that she still has that passion and drive in her heart, and it is heartbreaking to witness the changes this condition has brought to her life.

Even with her injury, I have been amazed to watch my mother continue to try her best to get through her days, managing her nutrition and attending to her tasks despite her fatigue and chronic pain. The financial support provided by the disability retirement benefits would undoubtedly help with our situation, and help ensure my mother's health and stability, as we have been praying for aid for years.

As her daughter, I am truly grateful for this opportunity to advocate for her and provide insight into the challenges she faces daily, from my perspective.

Thank you for your time, and understanding, and for reconsidering her case. If any additional information or documentation is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,




Amor Barcenas, Daughter of Victoria Barcenas





On Behalf of Victoria Barcenas, CalPERS ID: 2127259913, 


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 Subject: Argument Letter In Re the Denial, and Requesting for Reconsideration, of Approval of My Application for Disability Retirement Benefits

 Message: Hi Ms. Katie

Please see the attached document - an argument letter from my daughter on my behalf - for your reconsideration and approval of my disability retirement benefits.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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