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Hello,  
Thanks to all of you who care for your elderly family members! This issue comes up frequently in my probate law practice and seems to be an increasing concern.

Here's one story:

A young woman spoke with me recently while I was campaigning for Judge of Probate. She told me she had cared for her uncle for many years in her home. She told me about her experience with the probate court process and how difficult it was to manage all the paperwork in addition to caring for her uncle. I sympathized with her, because I have served as conservator myself for several elderly individuals over the years, and I know how much work is involved. But she smiled when she talked about her uncle, and I could see that she felt happy that she was able to care for him at home and keep him out of a nursing home.

The reason I'm telling this story is because there are so many people in our community with similar stories. As someone who has been through the probate process many times myself, I understand what they are going through. They need the court to be helpful and provide information to make their lives easier. They need the paperwork to go smoothly and quickly. They need to keep expenses down. They need a judge who has stood in their shoes and knows the challenges they face. And they need support from all of us to help them continue to do the wonderful work they are doing.

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