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## **PDT MACRON ANNOUNCED A PLEDGE OF €160M BONUS TO THE CAREGIVERS OVER COVID-19**

### **WHO ASSISTED THE ELDERLY & DISABLED**

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### **MIN OF DISABILITY SOPHIE CLUZEL DEEMED LOW EFFECTIVE BY PETITIONS DEMANDING HER RESIGNATION**

The many petitions of disabled people and their entourage demand, among other things, the resignation of the current State Secretary for Disability Sophie Cluzel, accusing her of not having "advanced the cause of disability" whose inequalities are widening. As the disabled from the youngest to the oldest, couldn't manage to have their voices heard from their minister, who should be more supportive and be their spokesperson, especially when times get tough"-----

Indeed, she wouldn't have passed any real reform nor bill, for the handicap not the application of the law 2005 already very complete hardly to be applied in reality, concerning the access to work, to cultural places, to housing adapted to the handicapped, the accessibility for people with reduced mobility in places open to the public ... Personally, he is also criticized for his lack of empathy, while the Head of State Macron, refers to him more and more (especially since the difficult period of confidence linked to COVID-19) to "reinvent himself by starting with himself" and praises "empathy, benevolence" and appeals to "the humanity and brotherhood" of each. As for the media specializing in disability, they say that the ministry for disability has always "refused to grant them an interview," preferring the mainstream general media, televises and radio broadcasts, and experience it as a form of contempt.

### **THE STATE TO PAY € 160 MILLION WITH A BONUS OF € 1,000 FOR CAREGIVERS DURING COVID-19-----**

President Macron first announced at the end of this visit that the State would release 80 million euros to pay, with an equal contribution from the departments, an exceptional COVID-19 bonuses for home helpers. "These 160 million euros will allow, on bases which will be instructed departmentally (...) to have these 1000 euros of premium that the other" nursing staff, said the head of state in front of home

help. The Head of State praised "the essential role" of carers "during the COVID-19 crisis".

Home helpers, who intervene in support of 800,000 elderly people with loss of autonomy and 300,000 people with disabilities, were until now "the forgotten of the COVID premium", noted the president. , which will be paid "before Christmas", after examining the files "between September and December", will "fully recognize the role" they played during the epidemic crisis, explained the head of state , Emmanuel Macron.

#### PRESIDENT MACRON VISITED AN ISOLATED ELDERLY LADY AND DISABILITY ASSOCIATIONS-----

President Macron went shortly after 11 a.m. to visit Gisèle Charles, 80, widowed for 14 years and who lives alone in a two-room apartment in the Pont du Las district, in the west of Toulon. Sitting next to her on a sofa, he questioned her about her loneliness, especially during confinement. "It is important that you interact with people," said Emmanuel Macron. "I held on" in the period, replied Gisèle Charles, who benefits from the delivery of a daily meal in the morning.-----

President Macron also accompanied the Minister Delegate in charge of Autonomy, Brigitte Bourguignon, and had a dialogue with two home care assistants, the regional director of the association Les Petits frères des poor or the director of Mutual Aid. of the Var, in the presence of the mayor of Toulon, the president of the department and one of his deputies. According to data cited by the Elysée, 97% of home carers are women, often part-time employees, three times more often victims of work accidents than the average, in a sector where 20% of jobs remain vacant. Source: AFP and Elysee Palace

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