

To The Chair and Members of the House Committee on Human Services,

I am a participant with an agency that provides in-home support services. I want to request funding for a better wage to be made available to pay DSPs of in-home provider agencies, who provide my services.

The assistance of in-home provider agency DSPs makes it possible for me to maintain my independence in my own home. They help me with many of the tasks of daily living and they make sure that I am safe. With their support, I can meet my physical, social and emotional needs. My in-home provider agency DSPs supports my activities and helps me with my goals. These support services are very important to me and gives me a better life.

Please add an amendment to HB 2964 to increase the wage for in-home provider agency DSPs.

"In-home provider agency" means an entity certified and endorsed by the Department of Human Services to provide community based developmental disability services.