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TO: House Committee on Rules
FR: Alysa Rose, *President & CEO, Relay Resources*
DA: February 17, 2022
RE: Support for HB 4157 Financial Support for Essential Workers

Chair Smith Warner, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, Vice-Chair Fahey and members of the committee,

My name is Alysa Rose and I serve as the President and CEO of Relay Resources. Relay Resources is an Oregon 501 (C) (3) non-profit and an Oregon Forward Contractor (formerly known as a Qualified Rehabilitation Facility or QRF). We were established as Portland Children's Center in 1951. We have a long and successful history of serving people with disabilities, having celebrated our 70th anniversary last Fall. Our employees have the ability and desire to succeed in the workforce, but may lack the resources to get there. Most face physical, mental, or developmental disabilities. Our mission is to cultivate meaningful work for these employees.

Relay supports HB 4157 because low-wage workers have played and continue to play an essential role in Oregon's economy. A one-time \$600 payment, that is not subject to tax and does not require any action or effort on the part of eligible recipients, will ease the pain low-wage earners are experiencing as Oregon's cost of living continues to rise.

This bill supports workers in our community by helping them cover the inflationary impact on essential needs like housing, food and energy. It will support Oregon's overall economic recovery and directly help over 260,000 low-wage earners and their families.

Please support HB 4157 and provide a boost to hard-working Oregonians in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Alysa Rose
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