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Hello,

I am a dsp for rise inc. and have worked for this company for over a year. This job is not for the faint of heart. It's not easy and takes a lot of Patience, compassion and understanding. I currently work with a individual who is older and live with there parents. If it wasn't for services this individual would not be able to intragrade into the community. Her parents are older and unable to provide the services needed for this individual. The wage increase is important as what we do is EXTREMELY important. If it wasn't for DSPs some individuals would not learn life skills, or independence. We take the time to teach these individuals how to be out in public and be safe, we give them tools there parents may not know to how provide or how to beat support them. We help keep routine and structure in these people's lives. Some of these people would be shut ins if it wasn't for the dsps or there families. We all deserve to earn a living wage and be able to support our families just as we support these individuals. The lack of DSPs available means we have more clients then DSPs because the pay isent anywhere where it should be for us to be able to support these people but also keep a roof over our families head and keep food on the table.please consider just like you we have families too and we just want to be able to take care of them as we do our clients.