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On Behalf Of:
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Thank yo for the opportunity to advocate on behalf of community members who would greatly benefit from the passing of SB 576.

Being an Employment First State, this feels in line with our collective values on the subject. Allowing people to work without fear of losing benefits and to remain eligible for Medicaid is essential. Allowing people an opportunity to work themselves out of constant poverty and remain healthy and receiving the supports they need, which supported their ability to work and maintain a healthy lifestyle, is essential. There are programs which use Medicaid funding to support job searches, ongoing job coaching, and maintaining integrated employment on all levels.

I believe we should follow our neighbors in Washington and eliminate all limits to income and resources. It is hard enough in today's market of higher rents, increased costs of goods and food, to support our most vulnerable. How can we state a limit on earnings. Let's be a, asset-based State and honor people where they are at and where they want to go.

Please support SB 576.

Thank you,
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