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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB2457

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Testimony in support of HB 2457

My name is Jordan Russell and I am a DSP for Central Oregon Collective, a not-for-profit organization that supports about 30 Oregon citizens with disabilities and 50 staff in Deschutes County.

I am writing in support of HB 2457. This bill would help staff get closer to achieving a standard of living in a time where inflation makes basic needs harder and harder to cover. I believe it would help incentivize, attract, and retain quality caregivers to the field for the people with disabilities that very much need the assistance. As it is, employees can work full-time and still barely cover living expenses, let alone plan for any pivotal future expenses such as buying a home. I believe this could help move the needle forward.

Please vote yes on HB 2457. I appreciate your consideration!