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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2457

I strongly support this bill. I've worked in non-for-profit agencies fulltime in Oregon for the past 5 years. I've been in positions of direct support, management and administration, and I strongly believe that increased wages for direct support professionals will have profoundly positive impacts on both the lives of those professionals as well as the people they serve. Direct support professionals are the backbone of many group homes and residential programs and their consistently low wages lead to burnout, high turn-over rates, decreased quality of care and ultimately contribute to huge costs and burdens to the healthcare system. Please vote yes to support those that support our most vulnerable and be a part of making the system we have better and kinder.