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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2457

House Committee,

The importance of our work with people experiencing intellectual and developmental disabilities has been consistent and crucial. Provider agencies like Horizon Project are in communities across the state, caring for our communities most vulnerable. We are here to support Oregon citizens with living their best life, as all Oregonians have a right to.

Our direct care providers (DSP) wages rose significantly after you agreed to fund the current rate model last session. Thank you for this investment. We would not have survived without it and we need to protect and enhance this investment going forward.

Our care givers work– 24/7 as a crucial frontline workforce. Along with doctors, nurses and first responders, our Care Teams have been actively caring for others.

As you consider the many important needs that present themselves to you, I ask that you remember the work of Horizon Project and the funding that it takes to do this work...in rural eastern Oregon and across the state. Through our state association, Oregon Resource Association, provider agencies across the state continue to advocate for financial resources to meet the ever-present need of those we support. We ask for support because those in our care often cannot.

This link provides more information about the bill:

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