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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2457

Hello, my name is Steven Slagle, and I am writing you in support of bill HB-2457. I manage two group homes for people with mental disabilities and have over 20 DSPs employed under me. We are in desperate need of more funding for DSP positions as our current DSPs are underpaid and overworked. The lack of funds for this position has led to high employee turnover, which is especially difficult for our residents that need DSPs, who could not live a full and robust life without them. With most of our facilities underfunded and understaffed many of the clients simply are unable to be an active part of their community. If HB-2457 were to pass, we would be able to keep more long-term staffing which is essential for building trust between our staff and residents and would give us the staffing to get our residents more time to be out in the community and be an active part of it. I appreciate you taking the time and effort to read this email.

Thank you  
Steven