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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2457

To The Chair and Members of the House Committee on Human Services,

My adult child receives services from an agency that provides in-home support services. I am requesting funding for a better wages for DSPs of in-home provider agencies, who provide these services. I can not stress enough how critical these service are to allow my child live independently.

Pay a living wage is critical for attracting and retaining employees who do this very important work. My child's DSP helps with many task related to daily living, supports her, helps her achieve goals and allows her to remain in an independent living situation. Having a consistent, dependable and trained DSP is very important and requires being able to offer living wages.

Please add an amendment to HB 2964 to increase the wage for in-home provider agency DSPs.

"In-home provider agency" means an entity certified and endorsed by the Department of Human Services to provide community based developmental disability services