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Please we need HELP, we are underpaid and understaffed for the most important job of all, we provide daily care for those who without us would not be able to care for themselves. I come to work every day to ensure the lives of young people that without us would have very little quality of live, every day starts with myself or other DSP' s getting them up making sure they're feed, bathed we brush teeth and change adult diapers, we make sure They are in clean cloths. that medications are given, we schedule rides, and all medical appointments are made, we listen to all emotional feelings happy or sad not only that of our clients but of family members as well, we do are very best to make to make sure They know how important They are and how much They matter to the world around them. We do birthday parties and Christmas as a lot of are people do not have families to share special days with, and honestly this is just a very small part of what being a DSP is about. It can be a very physically and emotionally draining at times. I have been at my job for 17yrs i have gone years at a time without raises or cost of living increases as we are a nonprofit origination. And we are losing good DSP's daily do to the fact that they are unable to support their own families at home, please hear us we are in a crisis, and we need help, we need this increase to ensure not only the lives of the people we server but for our own family's as well. Thank you.