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I work as a DSP for Partnerships in Community Living, Inc. many of us spend more time supporting the lives of others than we spend with our own families or at home. We are putting a daily strain on our minds and bodies doing our jobs, making sure the people we support live great lives. In some homes we provide supports for, we are essentially in home nurses but we don't receive the same pay as what actual RN's. Now, people could ask why don't we go to school and get a nursing degree, then get that pay at a hospital or some other facility. But if that was the case, who would take care of the people needing supports for the pay we currently receive? It's our bodies and livelihood we put on the line every day. We deserve better pay so we can afford to treat ourselves for all our hard work, to not have to work 80hr work weeks just to make ends meet. We deserve more than just the minimum wage because we simply are providing more than just minimum care for the people we provide supports for. Our bodies deserve it, our minds, we deserve a pay that reflects everything we do in a daily basis