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I Kayla Running am in support of HB2457. I have been in this field for 12 years and I am absolutely passionate about working with our individuals. I started volunteering at Pearl buck when I was 18years old and I loved it. Every individual I met was so amazing and completely changed my outlook on life. When I turned 20 a position opened up in the LEAP department as a DSP and I took it. I knew this is where I wanted to be for my career. Fast forward to 32 and I have moved up and am now a manager at Pearl buck and wouldn't change it. DSPs are such a critical part of our individuals everyday life and without them where would our individuals be? Individuals deal with so much change in their lives already without DSPs constantly leaving due to the low wages. If we were raise the wage, these DSPs would be able to stay and do what they are compassionate about without wondering how they are going to pay their bills. DSPs deserve to be paid at a higher wage!