

Submitter: Gail Cimino

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2457

As a member of in home provider agency DSP workforce, I would like to express my support for HB 2457 which will ensure My work as an in home provider agency DSP covers a broad range of support services. I assist individuals with safety issues, nutrition and meal preparation, personal hygiene, maintaining the home, positive behavior support, socialization and communication and advocacy on their behalf as needed. This work requires a broad base of knowledge, specialized training, resourcefulness, and an investment of the well being of those I serve.

We end up having to work twice as much to just try and be able to make ends meet or work multiple jobs. Doing the care we do for the people we support takes a lot of work and there can be burn out if we have to work so many hours to try and make a living. Which might effect our home life as we have to be at work more. We should be able to make a living doing the one job and take extra shifts here and there as needed. But not as a necessity. We have a lot of their lifes choices and care in our hands, we dont want them to not have people like us to care for them like they need. If things dont get better places like I work and people we support will lose DSP that care cause they will need to get a job that lets us make a living.I hope we will get the pay we need to raise our families as we take care of other peoples families.