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My name is:

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Dear Early Childhood and Human Services Committee Hearing,

My name is Sara Davis I am writing you to support **Oregon's HB 2457**, please support this to reduce turnover and create a living wage for DSP's (Direct support professionals).

- DSP vacancy rate of 23% Turnover is extremely high & stifles supports
- DSP wages rose significantly after you agreed to fund the current rate model last session. Thank you for this investment. We would not have survived without it and we need to protect and enhance this investment going forward.
- The pandemic and changing workforce has continued to erode our progress on wages.

My sister in law has IDD, over the past 10 years we have struggled to support Dorothy to have a safe happy life. Dorothy lives in her apartment with her husband & dog Chewy. She needs support with cooking, cleaning, hygiene, managing her money and many other daily tasks. Without hardworking DSP's my sister could not live independently in her apartment.

Please take action to save DSP who work with my brother.

Support Oregon's HB 2457,

Sincerely

Sara Davis