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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing this testimony in support of increasing the DSP wage 150%. I began my career in human services as a DSP and now oversee multiple regions and meet frequently with my DSP staff. I have seen the true compassion and empathy they show each and every day in supporting the IDD community and have also seen and heard the struggles many of them have face to make ends meet. Many of our DSP's work multiple jobs in order to pay the bills and put food on the table, while doing this to also stay on and support their individual(s).

We are living in a world of inflation. So much has changed drastically over the past 3 years. Home prices have skyrocketed among groceries, gasoline, clothing, recreational activities and just about anything else it seems. Our DSP's are the frontline support for all we do and impact so many lives each and every day. They deserve a livable wage! I am joining the arms of those who support this increase and hope our great state Legislator's see the true positive outcome of increasing DSP wages in Oregon.

Thank you.