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On Behalf Of:

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Hello, my name is Kyle Baker.

I have worked as a Direct Support Professional at Oregon Supported Living Program for the past 14 years. The job is both challenging and rewarding, with low wage and high turnover of DSPs often being a barrier to consistent quality support for the individuals in the program. Over my time working in this field I have found that relationships with longevity are the most powerful positive behavior tool that any of us have in our lives. As caregivers it is our nature to put others' needs before our own, however, we must be taken care of as well in order to be able to give the highest quality care to those supported and to make it sustainable.

Thank you for supporting us and the members of our community by voting YES on HB 2457.