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Please prioritize DD wages and support full funding of IDD services in HB 5026. I am asking that you not only protect your previous investment, but that you continue to help move this workforce out of crisis by supporting HB 2457 - it moves DSP wages to 150% of minimum wage. I have been in this field of work for awhile now and knowing what DSPs do on a daily bases and knowing that they do it because they care this job many do not even know about or what it is about and then once you get into it there is a fire that is amazing and you just want to be there to help those we serve. DSP are unrated often their wage should be more for all the work that they do on a daily bases. A DSP comes into a home and assist with meals, sometimes getting dressed and ready for the day sometimes helping with going to the restroom or just to get out into the community. Sometimes getting to sit down and do art or crafts assisting with learning how to read or do math, studying the drivers manual many things that most people take for granted this is just a little of what a DSP does. They deserve more then what they get and a higher wage would be a great start.

Thank you for your time