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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing today to endorse the ODDS POP 132. This POP would provide vital funding to I/DD services and allow providers to raise the wage of hardworking Direct Support Professionals, who provide essential care to Oregonians who experience I/DD. Currently providers across the state are in crisis as they are unable to pay competitive wages to maintain this vital workforce. DSP's across the state are working long hours, to fill the gaps, but they need our support. POP 132 goes a long way towards bridging this gap, recognizing those currently on the front lines supporting people with I/DD, and help in bringing more qualified people into this field to help alleviate the workforce crisis.