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Support ODDS POP 132. People with disabilities who receive services from providers across the state are some of Oregon's most vulnerable citizens. Providers like Pathway ensure health, welfare, education, and safety of this group, and the need is growing as each school year ends. The people we support deserve to have consistent care from DSP's who feel valued in their jobs. In order to alleviate the stressors that financial burdens cause, I need to pay DSP's a minimum of \$20.00 dollars an hour plus benefits. By supporting POP 132, you are investing in the quality of care that people with disabilities receive. This is an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities and those who provide the services.

Thank you,

Brittney Hettman

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