

Submitter: Grace Helland

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB4129

Chair Reynolds and Members of the Committee,

My name is Grace and I'm a licensed Personal Support Worker who has cared for a young six-year-old with multiple disabilities. I was never a union member, and it seemed like every time the union contacted me it was only to try to get me to pay dues or ask who I was voting for. I never wanted to be associated with a union, so I appreciate that the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that I didn't have to pay the union as a condition of working as a caregiver. I oppose any new system that would create a roundabout way for caregivers like me to lose those rights. The complicated system created by House Bill 4129 would allow this to happen, so I respectfully urge you to oppose the bill or make sure that it includes a guarantee that Medicaid caregivers under the new system can keep their existing rights to make their own decision about supporting the union.