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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace

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HB3838

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Oppose HB3838

Dear House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards members, My name is Sara Davis I am writing you to support My Brother!!

My brother Ron has IDD, over the past 20 years we have struggled for Ron to have his own life. We have battled child abuse, physical abuse, and financial exploitation at the hands of our father. To do this we had to go through the court system and found a wonderful provider Living Opportunities who partnership with us to get Ron first in a group home and then eventually in his own apartment. Ron is now a hardworking tax payer, who pays his bills and lives in his apartment with his dog. But he also needs support with cooking, cleaning, hygiene, managing his money and many other daily tasks. Without hardworking DSP's my Brother could not live alone in his apartment.

I'm writing in opposition to this proposed bill, HB 3838. This is a bill that introduces additional, confusing bureaucracy to an already highly regulated environment. HB 3838 will lead to higher costs that are not supported by funding and that result in no discernible benefit to people with disabilities or the staff that support them. HB 3838 raises costs, reduces access to care, and adds unnecessary bureaucracy without improving wages for DSPs. Oregon should focus on direct workforce investments rather than creating a redundant regulatory body that will only complicate an already strained system.

The most effective way to support this workforce is to fund DSP wage increases directly, not to add another administrative hurdle that benefits interest groups rather than the people who rely on these essential services.

Please do not move this bill forward. Thank you,

Sincerely Sara Davis