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I oppose this bill. As a former case manager for adults with developmental disabilities, as a parent and guardian of a young woman with developmental disabilities, and as a personal support worker and direct support professional working in the field, I believe that this adds yet another unnecessary level of regulation. People determined to commit fraud, always find ways to commit fraud, adding more regulatory oversight is not a way to combat fraud. This regulatory agency appears to be an attempt to either unionized direct support professionals working for agencies, or obliterate the agency model altogether, forcing the return to the all personal support Worker model. As we have seen, that model is flawed and services can be delivered with more efficiency and at a lower cost and stress to the state software and personnel than the personal support worker model. I believe this is a union, driven and union lead attempt to again unionize every single caregiver in the state whether they want to be or not, and eliminate those who dare to step outside the personal support worker model in an attempt to provide services in a more cost-effective and supportive model for families and for those receiving care.