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Good morning, Chair Hartman, Vice-Chairs Nguyen and Scharf, and members of the committee,

Please support HB 2150, with the -1 amendment.

I have been a board member of Shangri-La for ten years and have seen the great work our organization has done for so many marginalized people. As Janet Yousey, our CEO has thoughtfully pointed out, with the funding shortfall, we have not been able to pay our DSP (Direct Support Professionals) a minimum wage, much less what they deserve.

With passage of the bill, we can support our committed DSP team AND, even more importantly, continue to provide the necessities for the individuals with disabilities and disadvantages we serve. With great support, these individuals can live their best lives, being served by people who care and can afford to stay working for ShangriLa and other great organizations.

Thank you, Janis E Frank, Board Member, ShangriLa