

TO: Chair Hartman, Vice-Chairs Nguyen and Scharf, and members of the committee

FROM: Robin Winkle, Director of Operations

RE: Support of HB 2150 with Amendments

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I have had the opportunity and privilege of serving as Director of Operations at Shangri-La for over 25 years. Shangri-La is a non-profit organization supporting 1000 of people with disabilities and families with disadvantages. Community providers like Shangri-La have been underfunded for decades and face an unprecedented crisis of increased demand, high turnover, and wages that don't keep up with the cost-of-living increases.

You can help people with I/DD and the Direct Support Professionals who serve them by:

- Funding a one-time immediate increase so providers can pass this on to DSPs, take care of the homes people with IDD live in, add back positions which have been eliminated due to underfunding.
- Add an annual cost of living adjustment to provider rate models of no less than Consumer Price Index.

Please support HB 2150 with the amendments.

Thank you for your time!

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