27 March 2025

Oregon House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services

RE: HB150

Dear Members,

Norma Jean and I both have family and friends in-need of special services to live (even) a minimal life in our world today. The staff who provide these essential services (known as DSP, Direct Support Professionals) are a special class of people in our society: they give and give and give ... endlessly.

We feel they need to be compensated properly and fairly.

We support an annual Cost-of-Living-Adjustment for these DSP's, ensuring their ability to provide their own families with shelter, healthcare and transportation.

We have worked closely with both Partnerships in Community Living, and Integrated Supports for Living, over many years, and contribute what we can to their operations.

Please support passage of HB 2150 to help these service professionals continue their crucial work in our community.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Hank Keeton

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