

Submitter: Marci Kallinger

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3838

Chair Bowman, Vice Chairs Drazen and Pham, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Marci Kallinger and I am the Executive Director at Ron Wilson Center in Monmouth. We are a non-profit agency that supports over 50 people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and have about 140 employees. As an Executive Director, my number one priority is to make sure the people we support live their best life at home, at work, and in their community and we recognize it is our amazing DSP's who make that happen. To be direct, this is not SEIU's number one priority as we all know theirs is to grow their membership. Unionization should be driven by the workers of an organization, not through mandated legislative action. We have our elected officials for a reason, you are the ones that should be making fiscal decisions, not a board with their own agenda. This board just creates bureaucracy on top of bureaucracy, with no discernable benefits for the people we support and our employees. HB 3838 does not address our fundamental issue: DSP wages. Legislators asked for a Rate and Wage Study last session and you now have the knowledge as to the number to work toward to to fund our services. Please spend your time and our state's resources on this instead of HB 3838 and oppose this bill.

Sincerely,  
Marci Kallinger  
Executive Director  
Ron Wilson Center