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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB3838

? Chair Bowman and members of the committee<

Please oppose HB3838-

HB 3838 proposes to create a Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Workforce Standards Board. The DD Coalition opposed the bill for several reasons including:

? Lack of representation for individuals with IDD (or any other disability) on the Board. It only has 2 of 13 seats set aside for people who "represent the interests" of people receiving services, which may or may not be persons with disabilities.

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? Duplication and unnecessary delegation of authority and work already being conducted by state agencies and advisory groups that actually do engage with the IDD community including the DD Coalition itself.

? Say no to this bill and put the funds directly to wages.

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? Failure to distinguish between IDD services and other types of disability-related services, which signals that the needs of individuals with IDD will be poorly served by the Board.

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? The proposed "Dash-3" amendment minimally improves this by saying that standards "may" be tailored to particular categories of workers or settings, but that wording provides very little reassurance.