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I am a mother of a child who was born with multiple disabilities. I have the necessary training and knowledge on how to care for my child. Because she requires constant care and support, I have not been able to work elsewhere and it has been difficult finding capable and reliable care givers. The current CEN program is not enough. We need a hearing on SB 538 so that we can testify on it. This is connected to the 2023-25 budget for in-home services and paying parent caregivers IS the support we need and should be treated the same as a "current service level adjustment."

Thank you