

To The Chair and Members of the House Committee on Human Services,

Our disabled daughter receives in-home support services from a state certified provider agency. I would like to see funding be available to pay a better wage to DSPS employed in-home provider agencies.

With the assistance of in-home provider agency DSPs, our daughter is able to maintain her independence within her own apartment. They help her with many tasks of maintaining this apartment, and help ensure that her apartment is free of clutter and that her social needs are met. The in-home provider agency DSPs support her activities and help her achieve her goals based on her needs. These services are very important to her well-being and to her ability to live independently in an apartment setting.

Please add an amendment to HB 2964 to increase the wage for DSPs employed in provider agencies certified and endorsed by the Department of Human Services to provide community based developmental disability services.

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Parents