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I support HB 2457. I think this is a very important bill that can have a tremendous impact on the quality of life of those supported. I have worked in the field for over 6 years now. In my time working in this field I have come to realize many things here are some of the most relevant to this bill.

Most of the great staff I have known genuinely loved this job and were/are exceptional with the people that they support. However, many of them have left this profession due to the pay not being adequate to support their families or future financial goals.

This is depriving the people we support of great staff who truly enjoy their job and enrich the lives of those supported. In my experience, those long term relationships with staff are very important to the individuals supported and having those staff around is a boon to other staff. They know things about the individuals others don't. They advocate for them, know them, and help support them in their long term goals.