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Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2457

I wish to submit testimony in full support of HB2457 - to increase wages by 150% for direct service professionals (DSP) and shore up family and medical leave benefits. Nonprofits are suffering and unable to hire and retain DSPs due to low wages, poor benefits and high stress. It is incredibly challenging work to support individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities, and this wage increase is essential for the survival and welfare of the individuals we serve. Our DSP's wages must be addressed! Thank you for your full consideration.

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