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I support the raise of DSP wages because as a DSP myself I often find myself in situations where I am forced to consider taking alternative employment not because I dislike the work I do, but because I simply do not make enough to fully support myself. The growth I see in our clients cannot be understated, and that is due to the wonderful DSP's that are employed across the state. Unfortunately it is an all too common occurrence to lose DSP's simply because they cannot afford to live a comfortable life while working as a DSP. This hurts not only our DSP population, but our clients as well. Many of our clients thrive with consistency and routine, something that can be hard to maintain with a constantly rotating cast of staff.

As a DSP of over 3 years I can say with certainty that my clients have responded remarkably to consistency, and I know a majority of DSP's strive to offer this to our clients, however may be unable to.