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On Behalf
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I am writing to offer my support to increase wages for Direct Support Professionals. DSP's are vital in providing support to those with an intellectual/developmental disability which are our states most vulnerable population. The current reimbursement wage for DSP's is not suitable. Many agencies are struggling with staffing to the point of having to deny services to individuals or shut down some of their services due to lack of staffing. An increase in DSP wages to be able to provide a living wage will help remedy this. DSP work is not minimum wage work and their wages need to reflect this!

Thank you,
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