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On Behalf

Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Human

Services

Measure: HB5026

Please prioritize DD wages and support full funding of IDD services in HB 5026. I am asking that you not only protect your previous investment, but that you continue to help move this workforce out of crisis by supporting HB 2457 - it moves DSP wages to 150% of minimum wage.

This is critical to ensure that individuals supported receive quality care. We do not have enough staff and some of our best staff have moved on due this position being incompatible with their financial goals. We need additional funding to draw in quality candidates, and retain good DSP.