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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Human  
Services

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My name is Paige Hall. I am in support of HB 5026 to fully fund ODDS and to anticipate additional bills being passed that would increase the budget. There are many bills that impact my child. I am the mother of a child with drug resistant epilepsy and non verbal autism. We are in strong support of SB 646 and SB 91, both would allow a permanent program for paid parent direct support professionals. Families having choices in how to utilize the services for the child is vital to the child's success.

ODDS provides many lifelines through their support. Access to open card insurance is very important for my child and their high medical health. Attendant care is also given and essential for my children's home and community based services. Through the PHE and the allowance of a paid parent caregiver my child (and so many others like him) have had their attendant care services utilized. I'd like to bring to attention supports given through attendant care that are beyond "tying shoes, zipping a jacket, and cutting meat". In our child's life attendant care is, monitoring and supporting the child, providing life saving skills with high medical demands, community inclusion, providing safety so that he can participate in community outings, lifting and positioning while in a postictal state, proper toileting routines with adaptive equipment, dressing, grooming, diaper changes, bathing, communicating and AAC device training, meal prep, assisting with drinking, teeth brushing, following a positive behavior support plan, praising and encouraging our growth of each skill, elopement awareness and prevention, preventing meltdowns, regulating the environment for his sensory needs that are ever changing, giving all opportunities for self determination and choices, monitor for choking and aspiration, food allergy awareness, keeping safe from illness with immunocompromised child, provide a predictable/ routine environment, provide dependable care, support child socially and emotionally. These are not all support's given but a good start on my child's daily supports needs. ODDS also provides case management and ciis services and access to positive behavior support plans, home modifications, equipment and supplies. I am very thankful for the services and I am asking you to support to fund the ODDS budget. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Paige Hall