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On Behalf Of: On behalf of Centers for Independent Living

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

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I am submitting testimony in support of the budget increase to State Independent Living (SIL) Centers for wages and benefits of their employees. I am a certified ADA Coordinator. For the last seven years I have worked as an accessibility professional for a state agency and a city. I work regularly with SILs. I connect with them to learn from their community members and to engage them in the work I am responsible for. The staff at SILs are dedicated, educated, trained, responsible, and compassionate. Retaining qualified staff is imperative to providing consistent services to the independent living community. Thank you for considering my comments.