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I am Joan Lloyd and I strongly support measure SB 5506 because Direct Support Professionals are priceless. They love their work assisting people with a variety of needs; such as, feeding, bathing toileting, dressing, and health issues. They also must deal with patient frustration and anger which takes lots of patience.

When my mother was in assisted living, I saw how valuable the Aides were and knew how low their wages were. They were calm and polite but they were underpaid. They were doing the caregiving because it was a labor of love. They helped my family by helping my mother.

You can't teach love.

People who have family members with disabilities need assistance with care.

Please treat the DSP with the respect and honor they deserve by continuing to fully fund IDD services in the budget and increasing wages for Direct Support Professionals.

They are worth your consideration.