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I think that the Agency of Choice will lessen the quality of care Received by people in the Intellectual Disabilities community. I prefer work as a DSP direct support worker through private brokerage services.

-I enjoy having working for a small company and having real people I know to call when my client support needs become beyond my scope. I am overqualified for my position and appreciate that I can negotiate a higher wage by working in a small company.

- while this bill does not directly threatened the brokerage services I feel that it is a ploy to provide less administrative Supports to providers and individuals with disabilities.

- This bill has been formulated and written without adequate input from the disabled abilities community there is an important slogan "nothing about us without us"

- I acknowledge the importance of SEIU progress forward for our field as a whole. It is frustrating that they have such a large lobbying backing and we have just the voices love of our low-paid employees and people with disabilities. It makes us feel more like a number and a cog and not a real person. Bokerage services offer a personal touch.

If you depend on home care workers or personal support workers you have less support around Making sure your shifts are covered if you have a worker call out. I have worked as a Home care worker and a Personal Support Worker in the SEIU union. I have worked in a group home setting as a qualified mental health professional under the SEIU union. I have a bachelor's in social work from University of Washington and have been working as a caregiver since 2018.