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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB4129

My name is Phyllis Wills. I have 25 years of experience as a Homecare and Personal Support Worker. I started out at \$2.55 an hour with no benefits. I worked on the bargaining team for my union and helped get us to where we are today. I helped one of my clients go from total filth and home with no sense of future to being safe, comfortable, and not afraid to stay in their own home. On a daily basis, I am a companion, I clean the house, cook, and keep my client out of any trouble. If I wasn't there, I really don't know how they would feed themselves and what kind of choices they would make. But, the current homecare system is always failing workers and the clients it's supposed to help. The state should really get a new updated computer system. If everything was up to date, Oregon could hopefully run things a little smoother for homecare workers. We need to modernize the homecare system and pass HB 4129.