

Submitter: Hely Gemechu  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3838

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Hèlèn, and I am a licensed 2B provider. supporting adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) who experience behavioral and mental health challenges. I have worked in this field for over 10 years, and I currently oversee a home with trained staff who provide round-the-clock support for individuals with high needs.

I am writing in strong support of HB XXXX, which would increase funding for DD services. This bill is critical to ensure continuity of care for individuals who rely on consistent, skilled support to live safely and with dignity in our communities.

We support individuals who require help with every aspect of daily living from hygiene to emotional regulation and who often struggle with severe behavioral challenges. Funding increases will allow providers like me to retain qualified staff, reduce burnout, and improve the quality of life for the people we serve.

Without this support, we risk losing trained professionals and placing vulnerable individuals at greater risk for crisis or institutionalization outcomes we work hard every day to prevent.

Thank you for your time and for considering the voices of providers and the people we serve. I would be happy to provide further information if needed.

Sincerely,  
Hèlèn Gemechu DD Provided