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My name is Debbie Fowler and I work as a homecare worker and a PSW. I have also been a dsp. I worked for 5 years in nursing homes, worked for a private agency and the state of Oregon. I have worked as a care provider for almost 18 years.

I started as a care giver during my senior year in high school, took a break to work as a flight attendant and went back to being a care giver. IT is the best job I have ever had. I think that happiness is following your calling and I am really built to help others. I live in Eugene and work with clients who have who are disabled, medically fragile and elderly. I have worked with clients of all ages and backgrounds.

With this experience, over many years with many types of clients I know that there is a lot of overlap between the work we do and multiple types of clients. What is not consistent is the training, pay and benefits. In order to ensure that our workforce and clients have their needs met, across these settings I urge you to pass SB 1505.

You support SB 1505 because raising standards for DD workers is one part of raising standards for all care work in Oregon.