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Hello and thank you members of the committee, my name is Cooper Worthy and I am a caregiver at an assisted living facility in Monmouth. It is called Heron Point. I am here today to express my support for Senate Bill 1505 as a worker in the caregiving industry that desperately needs standards in place. Whether someone works in IDD services or in a setting like mine, the lack of standards not only negatively impacts us but also the people we serve. An example include staffing ratios, which is personally I see way too often working in assisted living. When we aren't required to meet staffing standards and are left understaffed it is a serious safety concern for everyone. At heron pointe, we unionized just over a year ago and are unfortunately still fighting for our first contract. Only just recently have we started to make real progress at the table. I say this to explain how unionization isn't necessarily a catch all for fixing things quickly, we need standards for the industry now. Please support SB 1505.