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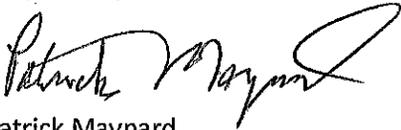
Chairperson Dolan and Esteemed Senate Finance Committee Members,

I am Patrick Maynard and I am writing to provide testimony on behalf of I Am Boundless where I serve as the President/CEO. I Am Boundless is a Worthington based, Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL) and Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) accredited organization that provides person-centered care and support to individuals with complex needs associated with intellectual and developmental disabilities and/or behavioral health challenges. We provide various residential, respite, parent-directed and behavioral health services and supports to almost 3300 people and their families in multiple Ohio counties.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to Governor DeWine, Director Davis, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, and the Ohio House of Representatives who, separately and collectively, have made an unprecedented investment in services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I am appreciative of the administration and the Ohio House's proposal to invest in the homemaker/personal care service to help increase the average wage of DSPs providing that service. DSPs are a critical part of providing safe and person-centered services to people in Ohio with disabilities. They are the people who have the most direct connection and have the biggest impact on their daily lives. Consistency in the people that care for them is a key component to their quality of life. Low wages have contributed greatly to a high turnover rate in DSPs, having great impact on people we support. As an agency committed to providing the highest quality of services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, the investment helps ensure my agency can continue to provide our array of vital services.

The developmental disabilities services field is in agreement on the direction and actions to be taken to increase our support and positive outcomes for individuals with disabilities and their valued DSPs. On behalf of my agency, my staff, and the individuals we support, I encourage you, Senator Dolan and Members of this Committee, to support the proposed budget provisions relevant to the Department of Developmental Disabilities. Together we will succeed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Maynard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Patrick Maynard
CEO/President
I Am Boundless, Inc.