

The House's version of HB 110 makes a minor investment in day services for Ohioans with intellectual and developmental disabilities. While any investment in these services is welcomed, I believe there is still more the General Assembly can do to ensure the sustainability and accessibility of services for Ohioans with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Please look at the root causes for the statewide and nationwide workforce shortage. With a lack of employees for all industries, prices will increase for utilities, gas, food, services, etc. and send the rate of inflation skyrocketing. The small, private provider will become extinct.

My staff have been heroic during the pandemic, but they are physically and emotionally exhausted and need help. I encourage you to add amendment SC 2290 into the HB 110 to support the following initiatives to best support my staff, my services, and the Ohioans we support:

- Increase general revenue fund appropriations in the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities budget to fund much needed rate increases for homemaker and personal care, day, vocational and employment services, nonmedical transportation, respite services, and shared living under the three Home and Community Based Services waivers administered by DODD.
- Support the creation of a task force to address our system's workforce challenges and a statewide workforce shortage.

With your leadership, together we can ensure these services are available to the Ohioans that so greatly need them! Thank you again, for the opportunity and privilege to bring my concerns before you and if I can ever be of any help in this process, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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