

Chairwoman Schmidt, Vice Chair Miller, Ranking Member Denson, and members of the families and aging committee my name is Desirae Dunbar, I am testifying on behalf of the pay family caregivers National Coalition and end of ohio's parent penalty in favor of the bill Laurens law. I am in support of cameras and no longer explaining how Ohio has the most restrictive provider of last resort rule in the US and how county boards of developmental disabilities weaponized this policy to hurt some of our states most vulnerable individuals. My daughter Kamy Johnson, is 10 years old she has been disabled since birth she suffers from seizures she has had three strokes is nonverbal and wheelchair bound. It took almost eight years to get a waiver for my daughter, despite having a waiver we struggle to find support to help my daughter function in her community. I have to work outside the home despite my daughter requiring 24 hour care. With the waiver she gets about 21 hours of care in order for me to work outside the home. I am a caregiver to other DD clients in our tri county area. I am limited on the hours that I can work, and my daughters needs are not met with her current waiver. Please support Laurens Law and end the provider of last resort clause. The state is short on dsps as well as the fact that the pay isn't appealing for people to want to do these types of jobs, leaving the dd community without appropriate help.