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Testimony on HB 33
Supporting the DD Workforce

My name is Alex Bagdasarian. I am a young adult with Fragile X Syndrome and my mother is writing this for me. I lost my direct caregiver since he was able to find a higher paying job. I have not been able to find a new one. I also have not had dental care in over 5 years because the low Medicaid reimbursement rate for dentists has caused waiting lists of over a year at local hospitals - private dentists won't take Medicaid or Medicare because of the low rates. My mother and father are worried about me. Ohio really needs to increase Medicaid rates across the board - especially for caregivers and dental/medical care providers. People like me don't have equal access to care - we just want to be healthy and happy like everybody else! Please help!