

Catherine Carnot-Bond  
Testimony on HB 33  
Supporting the DD Workforce

My name is Catherine Carnot-Bond. My daughter, Sarah Bond, has Downs Syndrome, and lives in a supported living setting. She requires daily support and relies heavily on the DD workforce for her care. The caregivers we've experienced do an amazing job in caring for her needs and she is thriving and living a healthy, happy, fulfilling life. We have seen the difficulty in staffing these positions and are aware that these are low paying, and extremely challenging jobs. These care providers deserve a living wage and benefits. This is important to stabilize the system and ensure that there is less turnover in caregivers. These service providers are critical to maintaining the services that our daughter Sarah Bond requires, and our family relies on. I ask legislators to support and vote for increasing funding and to raise wages for workers in the DD system.