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Testimony on HB 33
Supporting the DD Workforce

I am currently a DSP for 2 companies and have been for almost 20 years with both. The rates with which I get raises are about once every 3 years. I make less than any one working outside this field. It's sad that after 19 years of service for not one but two companies that I could work at McDonald's and start off making more than I make now or Target or Walmart but I love what I do and have been doing this for 40 years now. I feel underpaid, devalued, like what I do doesn't matter. We work short staffed daily because wages are so pitiful yet what we do is so many jobs into one. We need competitive wages to draw people in, wages where I do not need to work 100 hours a week to just make ends meet. Please consider making this a priority.