

Donna Smith
Testimony on HB 33
Supporting the DD Workforce

My name is Donna Smith, and my adult daughter is disabled, I'm submitting testimony because my daughter's voice Needs heard, we are apart of Ohioan with developmental disabilities community. She relies on Direct Support Professionals to support her with everyday activities and keep up with her medical needs. We lack the supports she needs due to the shortage of Direct Support Professionals caused by low wages. there have been multiple times when she was stranded without the support she requires . We urge lawmakers to take action to raise wages for workers in the DD system so that Ohioans like her can get the supports they need to thrive. Thank you for taking the time to read our testimony and for your careful consideration of how to resolve this critical issue.

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