

Douglas Oberacker
Testimony on HB 33
Supporting the DD Workforce

My name is Douglas Oberacker and I'm submitting testimony because I am the parent/guardian of my 42 year old adult daughter with multiple developmental disabilities. There was a time when my daughter was able to go grocery shopping and to church and out to eat, but all of those things have been eliminated because of the lack of DSP staffing. My wife and I try to do things with her whenever possible but that is becoming more difficult because of our age. I implore all lawmakers to support measures to increase wages and benefits for Direct Support Professionals so my daughter may lead a full and productive life!