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Testimony on HB 33  
Supporting the DD Workforce

My granddaughter is a resident of Hattie Larlham, Mantua, OH. I placed her there at the age of 6 because I was unable to financially and emotionally provide the 24/7 skilled nursing care she needed as a certified quadriplegic, non-communicative, tube-fed child requiring daily critical treatments and meds to contain her severe/acute seizure disorder as a result of her traumatic birth which resulted in her having cerebral palsy. I am BEGGING for you to consider the lives of all the children and adults who rely on the services of a DD. We need you to have compassion and know that the right thing for you to do is to adequately fund these DD facilities so these children and adults can also live the best life they possibly can given the mountain of issues and challenges they already have to try to live and enjoy life the same as you want for your own family. This is where we need to have sensible decisions that ensure all of those in need through no fault of their own can depend on entities like our Ohio State Legislatures to do the right thing for them. It should be no other way!!!

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