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Testimony on HB 33
Supporting the DD Workforce

I needed an aid for son in the morning so I can go to work a support our family. The hours were Monday through Friday 6am till 9am . I tried for over 3 months to find anyone to take the hours. I went as far as emailing and texting all of the new aids as their information became available on the county site. This process is time consuming and just another unnecessary demand on the caregiver to struggle to find assistance so they don't have to impose on other family and friends to assist in watching my 29 year old son wheelchair bound CP who requires 1 on 1 assistance. Also not being able to find aids requires me to miss time at work that could jeopardize the income needed to support our family. I finally was able to get an aid but only after complaining as high up as I could reach in the county. My SA was able to get me an agency that filled my current hours. I worry now that she may quit or find other better hours with another client. If this happens I will be stuck again trying to find help from this current hiring pool. This situation needs to be addressed. Our legislators wanted a capitalistic system and passed legislation to eliminate the socialist system that was in place. This is the pitfalls of their unwise choice. Please fix this situation there are many other families dealing this situation and it is not easy.

Thank you

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