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Testimony on HB 33
Supporting the DD Workforce

First off, I love my jobs! I have been in the dd field for 20 years. I work as a bus driver for the Seneca County Opportunity Center. I've worn many hats throughout that 20 years. This includes, bus aide, hab, unit manager, school aide, etc. I've also been working as a dsp for a few years as well. As a dsp I love working with individuals. That being said, at my current agency after taxes, I make just over \$9 or so an hour. I pass medication, handle seizures, behaviors, travel, doctors appointments, etc. and I could flip burgers at McDonald's starting at \$19 per hour according to recent signs that I've seen. Also, if I need sick time there is none. The house I work in is a 24 hour home. We will soon only have 3 staff
Two of which have full time jobs (including me).
I deeply appreciate the efforts by our governor to repair this situation. I also know that it takes time.
Thank you for your help..