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Testimony on HB 33  
Supporting the DD Workforce

My daughter has a chromosome deletion which caused her to have apraxia, global delay, fine and gross motor delays, immune deficiency, tight Achilles tendons and a host of other issues. Therapies aren't covered because they don't count chromosome disorders. Down syndrome is covered and they get help and it is an extra chromosome, so why is a deletion not covered. It happens more rare than Down syndrome. My husband and I work and we don't get help because we have jobs. The system is ALL WRONG. My daughter is 6 years old and can't articulate sounds and words. And that does t warrant any extra help? She has a condition that is one in every 50,000 babies born with it. They don't know much about it. It needs to be more known that developmental disabilities need more help and funding. These children shouldn't have to go without. Autism is huge and kiddos/adults with that diagnosis get so much help.

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