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Testimony on HB 33
Supporting the DD Workforce

My sister Jill has been a resident of the Hattie Larlham Center since 1987, when my family could no longer adequately care for her given her severe developmental disability. She suffered brain damage during her birth which left her unable to speak, walk, feed herself or do any manual tasks. Without the saintly work for the nurses and staff at her resident facility, she would have a horribly bleak life. Sadly we have witnessed the loss of tenure and challenging working conditions of the Hattie Larlham staff. Without more funding, Jill and other nursing home residents will be exposed to isolation, discomfort and possibly unhealthy circumstances. Please help end this crisis of care. Jill and her cohort are the most vulnerable among us - they need the funds necessary to recruit and retain good nurses and staff.

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