

Linda Evans  
Testimony on HB 33  
Supporting the DD Workforce

Our daughter Taylor is 30 years old. She has Cerebral Palsy and uses a power wheelchair. She is a very bright, fun and active person. She works for the Cleveland Browns, is a member of the Dancing Wheels Company and School and has a service dog named Hank. She moved out of our family home several years ago into an apartment with a roommate and home health care staff. Taylor was very happy and proud to tell anyone of her living situation as it allowed her to feel mature and independent. There was, however, a constant challenge to find skilled and consistent staff to assist her in her apartment. As a result, we were forced to move her back home in November. We, her parents, have been providing all her care since then. Providing care for an individual like Taylor is a very important job that requires training, skill and deserves a competitive wage.