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Testimony on HB 33  
Supporting the DD Workforce

My name is Marcy Mullins and I have an adult son who has nonverbal autism. He needs full care 24/7. We have a waiver but cannot find help. I am his provider for Ohio Shared Living, but we can't live on these wages. I have to work full time, take care of him full time and now cannot get any help even when I need a break. When will the state start understanding the burden it is putting on families and caregivers? I can't get help - I can't be a productive member of society - we are literally just trying to survive. And I would think that the state would want more for our most vulnerable population. There is nowhere for them to go and no help to be had. When is enough enough and when will we get the help we so desperately need? I am throwing up the white flag and begging on my knees.....