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Testimony on HB 33
Supporting the DD Workforce

My story as a parent of the multi-handicapped son 34 years old that I do not have time to write a story and to take away the Christmas tree because I must do and redo EVERYTHING by myself: teaching him all living skills and all sports and academics, drive him to all appointments and activities and participate in them , etc... As a single parent I do not have any weekends, vacations, holidays, lunches, breaks, recesses, day off, sick days, etc. If I take my son on vacation out of the Ohio, I will not be paid for these days. I must fill out and send a lot of papers, worksheets, reports, documentations, invite nurses to my apartment. On top of all these, I was not paid by Waiver for 42 minutes per day what my son has because I could not complete all requirements during Covid period and was refused for a long period to do this. That is just the top of the iceberg about the family life with a person with a disability. Please, listen to our crying for help and help us to survive and to reach the highest potential in life for our children! Thank you very much for your work with disadvantaged population!

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