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Testimony on HB 33  
Supporting the DD Workforce

I am a mother of a person with developmental disabilities. She is living in a 24-hour group home. I have kept track of the number of staff since a new agency took over in September, 2022. There have been 14 Direct Support Professionals hired to take care of my daughter and another person who lives in the home. One DSP was a no-show after being hired, several worked one day and quit. Right now there are only two consistent staff working. They are always short handed. The two DSP's working now are exhausted but are doing their best for my daughter. My daughter gets upset every time there is a turnover. I understand DD providers are restricted by reimbursement rates set by the State of Ohio. Only action by our state officials can resolve this issue. Please protect the health and safety of people with developmental disabilities by allowing providers to recruit and retain quality Direct Support Professionals. Thank you.