

Laura Begley  
Interested Party Testimony  
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Senator Romanchuk, Vice Chair Steve Wilson and Ranking Member Ingram thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 33.

My name is Laura Begley. I am Direct Support Professional and Home Health Aide for people with disabilities in both Ohio and Kentucky. I work for agencies so the pay is lot lower than the total sum of money that is the actual Medicaid Reimbursement rates to agencies. I only get a percentage of what the agency gets.

I make more as a home health aide in Kentucky than I do at my jobs in Ohio where I live. I am asking you to raise the reimbursement rates for agencies so that they can afford to pay workers like us a living wage. I wouldn't have to work multiple jobs to support my family if the wages were higher.