

Testimony on H. B. No.225  
Submitted by: Elise Brunkalla  
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Dear Chair Johnson, Vice Chair Lear, Ranking Member McNally, and members of the House Commerce and Labor Committee

Please pass H.B. No. 225 to end subminimum wage. My name is Elise Brunkalla, and I am 21 years old, and I receive support from Stark DD and I have a Level One Medicaid Waiver. I work two part time jobs, one at Sodexo food service at Walsh University and I work for the Salvation Army at Christmas time. I also work and get job training at my day center, Clearview. They all pay me minimum wage. It is unfair and wrong to pay less than minimum wage just because the worker has a disability. People with disabilities like to buy things and to save money just like anyone else. I use my money to buy coffee drinks and to travel. Please treat us fairly

Thank you for your time and for listening to my voice.

Sincerely,  
Elise Brunkalla  
Canton, Ohio