



Support Ohio House Bill 225: Fair Pay for People with Disabilities in Workshops

Dear Commerce and Labor Committee,

I am writing to respectfully urge your support for **House Bill 225**, which would require that people with disabilities working in **workshops** be paid at least the **state minimum wage**.

This legislation addresses only the issue of **fair wages**. It does **not require the closure of any workshops or facilities**, nor does it eliminate services. Rather, it ensures that people with disabilities receive equitable pay for their labor—just like any other worker.

Currently, many people in workshop settings are paid subminimum wages, sometimes amounting to only a few cents per hour. This outdated practice does not reflect the value of their work and is inconsistent with our state's commitment to equality and opportunity for all Ohioans.

By supporting **HB 225**, you are helping to create a more inclusive and respectful workforce where **every person is compensated fairly**, regardless of disability.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue and for your service to our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Furman".