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Hello, My name is Arwen Peterson, I am currently employed as a Crisis Response Worker for the Office of Aging and Disability Services Region I covering Oxford, York and Cumberland Counties. The nature of our work involves risk of injury while we are often called to respond to adult clients in Crisis; presenting aggressive, assaultive and violent behavior. Restraint training is mandatory and is expected to be utilized when necessary to keep clients safe. It is not uncommon to be in these situations as the sole Crisis Response Worker tasked with maintaining safety. The nature of our work requires both physical and mental dexterity. As we age the physical aspect of our job becomes more challenging. Due to this, I ask you please support this legislation.