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LD 1932

Senator, Representative, and members of the Committee,

My name is Hope Rubito, and I work as both a BHP and DSP in Lewiston. I am writing in support of LD 1932. I love the work that I do, and the clients that I get to work with. I know that my work makes a difference for those that I support. My work helps people stay safe, live in their homes, go to work, and be an inclusive part of their community. This work is vital, and it takes skill, patience, and training.

Unfortunately, many people leave this field because the pay is not enough to live on. I have had coworkers who were incredible at their job, with clients who greatly appreciated the work and help they were providing them, but they had no choice but to leave because they couldn't afford to pay their living expenses. These are hard decisions to make, and it impacts both the staff and client greatly. When staff leave, it also hurts the people that we support and puts more of the pressure onto the staff who stay. This makes burnout more common.

LD 1932 would help by supporting better pay and trainings for workers like me. This would help people to stay in their jobs longer and provide more stability of care to clients and their families. I want to continue doing this work, and I want to see the field grow stronger. Please support LD 1932. Thank you for your time and for listening.

Sincerely,
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