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LD 1932

Dear Senator, Representative, and members of the Committee,

My name is Mary Miller, and I work alongside DSPs and BHPs who provide services to adults with intellectual disabilities (ID) in Central Maine.

I am writing in support of LD 1932.

I am continuously amazed by the professionalism, knowledge, and grit of the DSPs and BHPs that work for our company. The people they support need these crucial services to help them integrate into their communities, gain independence, and have the quality of life that all Mainers deserve. DSPs' and BHPs' work helps people stay safe, live in their homes, go to work, and be part of their community. This work is important and takes skill, patience, and training.

However, many people leave this field because the pay is not enough to live on. I have seen great co-workers leave for jobs that pay more and are less stressful. When staff leave, it hurts the people we support and puts more pressure on the staff who stay.

This makes burnout very common.

LD 1932 would help by supporting better pay and training for workers like me. This would help people stay in their jobs longer and provide more stable care to clients and families.

Please support LD 1932 so that adults with ID can live with dignity and contribute to their communities.

Thank you for your time and for listening.

Sincerely,
Mary Miller
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