

Testimony of Glenda S, Wilson

LD 1932: An Act to Support Essential Support Workers and Enhance Workforce Development

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

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Good afternoon, Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and esteemed members of the Health and Human Services Committee.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of LD 1932: An Act to Support Essential Support Workers and Enhance Workforce Development. My name is Glenda Wilson, and I am a family member of a person with a developmental disability. I strongly support LD 1932 because I know firsthand how important and essential it is to families to have their loved one cared for by a consistent, and trained professional. My family member received 24/7 care from people who were well trained to complete tasks to keep her safe, healthy, and happy every day. My family was unable to care for her physical and medical needs, and we don't know what we would do if she did not have staff every day, to provide competent and skilled care. It was such a relief to call my loved one, to hear her happiness and satisfaction when she and her co-residents were well-cared for.

LD 1932 is absolutely essential to ensure that Direct Care Professionals receive fair and meaningful wages, to continue to work with folks like my loved one. To provide a safe, healthy and dignified life in our communities. Please, please support LD1932 to strengthen this very important workforce for those like my family member.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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