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Good morning, Senator Claxton, Representative Myer and members of the Health and Human Services Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of LD 1573 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues.

My name is William Asher, and I am a DSP working for Spurwink Services. I care for 4 individuals with extremely high support needs, both intellectually and physically. Currently, I am earning the minimum wage, which is hardly a fair compensation for the level of work I do. This bill is extremely important to me and my coworkers, of course.

A wage increase is extremely important for those of us in this field. The turnover rate is almost unbearable at times, and our individuals rely on any small personal interaction with familiar people as much as possible.