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Good Morning Senator Claxton, Representative Myer and members of the Health and Human Services Committee. I am in support of LD 1573 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study Longer-Term Care Workforce Issues. It is vital that DSP's make a livable wage for all the responsibilities we have in order to keep the health and safety of the people we support. I have been working as a dsp for over 20 years and I support myself. It has been very difficult to manage on my income and to support myself as well as pay for medical coverage and groceries. It is extremely important to hear us and help us to make ends meet and support our clients to make their lives more manageable and consistent.