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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 am a single male, working the max amount of hours possible and still barley getting by. i even have few expenses compared to most and still live week to week. Rent, Phone, car Insurance and groceries. I've even had to decline health coverage to save a few extra dollars a month. DSP turnover has been something i have witnessed as well, specifically because of the non-supportive wages with in this demographic of work. On a weekly basis we are stretching are selves mentally, emotionally, and physically to be the best we can be with wages that do not reflect are effort, and or support our families.