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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 Longer-Term Care Workforce Issues.

Write your own personal message to why it is important to you for wages to increase for DSP's.

-Day Care Expenses

-Rent

-Car expenses

-One income

-Budgeting...what do you go without to make ends meet

-Buying a home...I don't make enough to be pre-approved for a home

-Responsibilities at work... responsible for the health and wellbeing of others, behaviors, etc.

-Other

Its important for our wages to increase because of the price of everything is going up. Trying to provide for my family is starting to get hard due to the prices going up. i cant buy a home because i dont make enough money to evensave for it. Dy care is hard to pay for when you dont make enough.