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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 think working as a DSP it is hard to make ends meet at times, with the pay we are currently getting. Daycare expenses are high and hard to keep up with for the hours a DSP is usually working. I currently rent where I live but want to buy my own home, unfortunately I do not make enough to be approved in buying a home. If wages increased, I and many others would benefit in many ways to improve our ways of living a successful life for our families without struggling.