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Hello,

I would like to start off by thanking each of you for your time. I am writing this to you today to urge the support the bills #7591 and #2553. I work full time in the human service field managing and helping our clients with their funds and benefits. I also work as a PASS and Respite Worker to my seven-year-old niece who is disabled with a rare type of Muscular Dystrophy. The lack of funding is disheartening as the services for the consumers are limited due to staffing and budget issues. Dealing with those challenges of having limited resources allotted puts strain on the families as well as the staff. Families must call out of work, drain their sick banks, and lose pay for the days they miss. Having the fully funded budget would help people with disabilities and families in tremendous ways such as having the necessary programs more accessible with less of a waitlist. It would help with staffing in the areas that are so understaffed. It would alleviate some stress off the families that are already living in such stressed out ways. I urge the support for these bills to help. They always say you don't truly understand the gravity of the situation until your living it daily.