Dear Senator [Last name of your Senator],

I am [Name] and I am a Direct Support Professional (DSP). As a DSP, I provide support to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. [In two or three sentences describe what you do as a DSP- examples: how many individuals do you support, what do you to support your clients, list a few things you do help the individuals you support to be more independent, or list a few things you do to help the individuals you support become members of their community]

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude to Governor DeWine, Director Davis, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, and your colleagues in the Ohio House of Representatives who are making a huge investment in services for Ohioans with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I am most appreciative of the administration and the House of Representative’s proposal to invest in the homemaker/personal care (H/PC) service to help increase the average wage of DSPs like myself. [Add a two or three sentences on how such an increase could help you be a better DSP. Examples: would not have to work a second job to make ends meet so you could be well rested when you come to work]. The investment helps ensure I can continue to work in this important field. On behalf of myself and the individuals I support, I strongly encourage you to support the proposed state budget provisions relevant to the Department of Developmental Disabilities. Together we will succeed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Name