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I am emailing to ask you to support the proposed expansion of including direct care workers in DSHS to PSERS.

I have worked in a Residential Habilitation Center [RHC] for 30 years, and have seen many co-workers seriously injured at work . Every day there is the risk that you will be assaulted by a resident who has no idea how strong they are due to their disability.It is part of the job for many of us.

The direct care staff also lift , transfer , reposition , residents many times a day, so repetitive injuries are also part of the job.

I knew after 5 years of being a direct care staff that i did not want to reach retirement broken from the years of this type of work. It is proven that reflexes , alertness, speed , sight , memory all decrease as we age.

We provide services to dually diagnosed people who can have very aggressive behaviour ,and the ability to think , move , and react quickly is essential for everyone's safety.

We appreciate your consideration and urge you to support expanding PSERS to include specific direct care staff in our RHC's .

I would be happy to answer any questions you have.

Thank You  
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