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Public Comment for House Bill 2 – Health & Human Services

**Disability Services**

- “My adult autistic son has been served by the DD waiver for many years and his father and I are very grateful that we have been able to keep him at home and attend to his 24/7 care and supervision ourselves. The current funding, however, has never covered all of his care and as his parents we provide that care anyway. The reality is, as aging parents, we will soon not be able to continue the hands-on care we have always provided and would ask that you consider and approve fully funding what has been recommended by Guideline, so that quality caregivers can be hired and he may continue to stay in his home. Thank you for your consideration.”

-Eileen Jackson

**Medicaid Eligibility Rules**

- “The DPHHS and Governor Gianforte have made it easier to kick people off their health care by changing the Medicaid eligibility rules; the DPHHS needs to restore continuous eligibility. Moving forward, the DPHHS needs to redetermine eligibility requirements in a slower and more responsible way. The current plan for changing eligibility is irresponsible and could kick 43,000 Montanans off their health care. That's morally unacceptable. Please support this bill. Thank you.”

-Lorene Bishop