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Dear Law makers and policy makers,

Please don't let anyone take away my choices of work and living. People with disabilities should have the right to choose where they work and live and who they work with and live with. I need specialized support for living and working. I love working at the DAC and Beary Used Thrift store in Park Rapids. I work for special wages and always have the choice to do other activities if I want to. I will always need to have special staff who understand my disabilities to help me at work and at home. They need to be payed more money. I love my jobs at the DAC and thrift store and living in my group home because I have friends who have disabilities just like I do. Some people want to take away these choices from me and my friends. That is not fair! I should have the right to choose to work for special wages and choose my own friends. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Laura Kovacovich