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Senator O'Mara's weekly column 'From the Capitol' ~ for the week of March 19, 2017 ~ "The 'BFair2DirectCare' campaign gains momentum"

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All of the challenges and crises being addressed by this budget are worthy in their own rights. Nevertheless, there may not be a priority more important than last week's Senate-Assembly agreement to include \$45 million to compensate direct service professionals (DSPs) for their work supporting people with disabilities.

Senator O'Mara offers his weekly perspective on many of the key challenges and issues facing the Legislature, as well as on legislative actions, local initiatives, state programs and

policies, and more. Stop back every Monday for Senator O'Mara's latest column "From the Capitol..."

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[See attached copy above of Senator O'Mara's column in the Corning Leader on Sunday, March 19, 2017]