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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

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Esteemed committee members,

As an attorney, member of the LGBTQ+ community, and an aging adult, I am deeply concerned about the future care options for my clients, my self, and my loved ones. Over the past several years I have interviewed numerous local facilities here in Eugene, Oregon while researching independent living, assisted living and now memory care options for my father-in-law. I have also visited clients at many others. Not a one has any awareness of the needs or even existence of LGBTQ+ elders. None have protocol, training, regulations, or recourse for problems. I am aware of one facility that just recently did have some DEI training for this population, but leaving our well being and safety to good intentions is not acceptable. For my father-in-law, who has significant advocacy and oversight, it is already a struggle to get adequate care. For myself, my partner, or any of my community who are going to be needing care without family support, without any type of protection we will be at the mercy of harms ranging from the insult of staff who refuse to use proper pronouns or arrange appropriate housing, to the very real danger of verbal and physical abuse. Please consider the type of care and respect you want for yourselves and your family and help ensure that me and my family have the same.

Respectfully,  
Judith Moman