

Submitter: Jim Kutcher

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB4129

I oppose SEIU 503's attempt to pass HB4129. I don't believe the state needs another level of bureaucracy to administer for those under care for the disabled and home bound. I am a personal support worker for a family member (my disabled or "differently- abled" daughter with Down Syndrome.) I withdrew from SEIU503 several years ago when they began opposing a pro-life ballot measure I supported. The measure had nothing to do with employment as a personal support worker, working conditions or wages. SEIU does not speak for or support my moral or political views and I do not want to have any association with them.

I oppose any attempt to surreptitiously manipulate my right to opt out of union membership by potentially forcing PSW and HCW to be employees of a third party entity. Being a provider for a live in Medicaid client family member, this bill would place too many additional complications and external agendas on an already complex care situation. I'm not interested in being a care provider for any other person than my daughter. Eventually forcing me to be a union member adds nothing to the care I provide for my live in daughter. I oppose this attempt to complicate my life as a personal support worker and add complexity to an already multifaceted bureaucracy of the state.

Respectfully, Jim Kutcher