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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 have listened to several home-care providers in my community and many have told me that they withdrew from SEIU503 several years ago when they began opposing a pro-life ballot measure that they supported. That measure had nothing to do with employment as a personal support worker, working conditions or wages. It is obvious that SEIU has political views and many do not want to have any association with them.

I oppose any attempt to surreptitiously manipulate theirs and my right to opt out of union membership by potentially forcing PSW and HCW to be employees of a third party entity. This bill would place too many additional complications and external agendas on an already complex care situation. Even caregivers for family members would be forced to join a union. Eventually forcing anyone to be a union member adds nothing to the care they provide for any live in family member. I oppose this attempt to complicate anyone's life as a personal support worker and add complexity to an already multifaceted bureaucracy of the state.