

Submitter: Stephanie King
On Behalf Of:
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Good afternoon,

My name is Stephanie King. I am the administrative assistant (in line to be the administrator) at Sea Aire Assisted Living in Yachats Oregon. We are a small community consisting of only 42 apartments. We are not a corporation and what we like to call a mom and pop shop. We take pride in our community and focus on person centered care. This sets our level of care apart from most communities in Lincoln County. That being said, over half of our community is receiving Medicaid and this bill would make a huge impact on our facility if it passes. I have taken the time to review this bill and believe it would possibly benefit long term care communities that may be ran by a corporation, however, I worry this may mean the closing of doors for communities just like Sea Aire all over Oregon. These small environments have become family. The staff has become family. Many of our residents do not have family or friends who come visit so we are all the family they have. I am completely in love with Sea Aire and have been here for 11 years. The current administrator has been here over 20 years. The RCC has been here 17 years, and the RN started out as a caregiver here over 15 years ago. If this does not speak volumes about our environment, I don't know what does. I encourage you to please think of the small long term care communities when deciding on this bill.