

March 13, 2025

TO Chair Grayber, V.Chair Elmer, committee members.

My name is Joseph Oakes. I am a 90-year-old Korean War veteran with an engineering degree and an MBA. In my youth I was a member of the longshore mans' union, and I am not anti-union.

Sylvia, my wife of 68 years, and I have lived at the Springs at Tanasbourne, Hillsboro, for the past four years. It is our home. Prior to moving here we toured several other facilities, some of which would not be a good home to our dog. A decent place to live is a basic right. I understand the need to regulate senior living places, and the emphasis should be on quality of life.

I also appreciate the need for any business to be profitable in order to keep the doors open. The only source of income for senior living places is the rent paid by residents, which are already quite high. The largest cost item is salaries.

If HB3838 is passed, it is clear that costs will skyrocket, some facilities will shutter their doors, some will reduce the number of employees, leaving many of us oldsters will be out in the cold.

That is why we are opposed to HB3838. We urge a no vote on it.

Joseph A. Oakes

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