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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3838

Honorable Representatives and Senators,

Please know that this measure will eliminate, or very nearly eliminate, the in-home care industry as we know it in Oregon. Oregon presently has some of the most stringent licensing requirements in the country and, as such, has some of the very best senior care in the country. You DO NOT want to destroy this jewel of an industry, providing seniors the best care in the nation. This bill will make it nearly impossible for companies providing invaluable services to seniors and the disabled to remain solvent. Furthermore, Oregon's caregiver wages are already higher than nearly anywhere else in the country. I am proud of the wages we pay our caregivers, and we do not need oversight to continue to do the right thing and pay our staff well. I strongly oppose this bill on behalf of the industry, but most importantly, on behalf of the caregivers and senior citizens of Oregon who will be severely negatively impacted by this legislation. I urge you to do the same.

Respectfully,
A.J. Siegmann