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The Oregon Legislators

Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

To all Members of the Oregon Legislators,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 3838. As an advocate for adult foster homes, I believe this bill, if passed, could have severe negative impacts on the ability of these homes to provide quality care and support to some of Oregon's most vulnerable citizens.

Adult foster homes play a critical role in ensuring that individuals with physical or developmental disabilities, as well as seniors, can live with dignity, respect, and the support they need in a safe and nurturing environment. Unfortunately, House Bill 3838 would introduce regulations that place significant strain on these homes, including specific concerns such as funding cuts, increased compliance burdens, or other regulatory issues. These changes would likely result in reduced care quality, closures of many homes, and a greater strain on already-overburdened caregivers.

We urge you to reconsider the provisions of this bill, as they would not only undermine the care and stability that adult foster homes currently provide but also create unintended consequences that could harm the individuals who rely on these services. I encourage you to explore alternatives that support both the quality of care in adult foster homes and the sustainability of this vital service.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I hope you will carefully consider the potential negative impact of House Bill 3838 and work towards solutions that better support adult foster homes and the people they serve.

Sincerely,
Ella Shepherd, RN, BSN
Secretary for Advocacy for Adult Care Home, Inc.
Portland, Oregon

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shepherd', written in a cursive style.