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Hi I'm Thomas Johnson. Oregon has always stood above the rest of the states when it comes to least fortunate, and vulnerable residents. As Oregonians we should be proud of its commitment to providing essential needs and a healthy existence to its most vulnerable. House Bill 3838 is not what it seems to be. The legislation will raise costs. Oregon's outstanding and respected care for older adults and people with disabilities is under attack from federal funding. Its obvious our efforts to educate SEIU have failed, SEIU are out for only powers and to go against what we who serve our vulnerable communities are all about. SEIU is the proponent of this bill, and is a political entity. SEIU's Politics go against and the mission of protecting the state's most vulnerable which all of the AFH providers believe in. The infrastructure of the bill is just another layer of government bureaucracy with almost unlimited power over Providers. This is not what a Democratic system is all about this is all about power and no one group should have this much power over others. There are so many questions we all have and SEIU has only a few answers. The union can organize workers in this industry, but not through a bill this is not organizing it is control. They are not listening to the union members they are taking matters in there own hands without the approval of all the members and this is against what unions are about. I cannot stay quiet about this issue I am a former SEIU treasurer, Secretary, and currently a District Director. Allowing the Union to lobby with political ties to the state's most vulnerable is not good in government, this will impact our system with a extreme negative result just like it did in Colorado and we are Oregon with a great reputation in this field and do not want our respected and proud ways destroyed by SEIU. I feel corruption has entered our Union and with there power this a serious concern for the out come of disaster for all the vulnerable people we serve. Please do not fall for the misleading ways of SEIU this is horrible for Oregon. Let the union members have there say, but not with a board that will damage Oregon. Thank you for listening! Thomas Johnson AFH Provider, District Director SEIU and Former treasurer, Secretary, Steward and SEIU board member.