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Adult foster homes get all of the regulation of big corporate care facilities, but none of the rewards. And with HB3838 the inequality and marginalization will get even worse. It will add even more onerous regulation while increasing costs at the same time (additional administrative compliance hours, additional mandated paid trainings for staff, payroll cost increases, etc). Corporate nursing facilities literally make greater than ten times as much as the base rate that adult foster homes receive to care for the same person. I wonder when a hedge fund was ever interested in buying an adult foster home? I would bet my life it has never happened, but several large care facilities have been bought by out-of-state investment groups because they are so profitable. The simple fact is that AFHs don't make enough money to be of interest to those investment firms. Foster home operators are a diverse group of immigrants, women, and people of color who care for residents out of their own homes and the state of Oregon seems to ignore and further marginalize this diverse group of minorities. This is evidenced by the fact that AFHs miss out on major rate increases that corporate facilities amass due to their excess funds which pay for full time lobbyists who have direct lines (and campaign donations) to legislators. The next piece of evidence is how AFH homes are lumped in with large care facilities in this bill. It shows that the state of Oregon and the union don't support minority small business owners and they also don't understand this unique model of care. The fact that there is this online petition and individual business owners going to the state capitol should tell you something. I doubt you will see a single owner of multi-site, corporate run, hedge fund owned care facility show up to any of the meetings to oppose this bill because they can pay others to show up for them. We can't. We don't have the means to pay for outside representation so we have to do it ourselves. Please Oregon, celebrate this diverse group of heroes and support us and our families by putting a stop to this bill.