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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3838

To whom it may concern,

I have spent many years working as a caregiver in various assisted living and nursing homes across different states. About seven years ago, I moved to Salem and was hired as a caregiver in an Adult Foster Home. I was truly blown away by the exceptional, person-centered care that these homes provide. I had never seen such a compassionate and individualized system of care before — it amazed me that such a model even existed.

Inspired by the profound difference this system makes in the lives of vulnerable individuals, I made the decision five years ago to become an Adult Foster Home provider myself. Today, I care for nine wonderful residents across three homes, where we are proud to deliver truly high-quality, personalized care. In our homes, residents don't just feel like clients — they feel like family. They feel at home.

Please, I urge you — do not destroy this sense of belonging and happiness by passing Bill 3838. This bill threatens to force small foster care homes like ours out of business, leaving vulnerable individuals in the hands of large corporate facilities that often lack the personal attention and compassion that foster homes provide.

I respectfully ask you to oppose Bill 3838 and help protect the future of Adult Foster Homes and the people who rely on them.