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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3838

My name is Chad Ventresca, and I work at an Adult Foster Home in Josephine County. This bill, while perhaps well-intentioned, does not reflect the reality for small providers who already operate on very low Medicaid reimbursement rates. The establishment of a state-appointed board to set standardized wages—without input from providers and without funding to support it—could devastate my job.

SEIU503 does not represent my voice. I was never contacted about this bill, and I strongly disagree with the narrative that all providers were consulted or are in support. Forced wage increases, without addressing the financial reality, is not sustainable and may result in the closing of many Adult Foster Homes.

Please reconsider your support for HB 3838 and take into account the diverse, small businesses that form the backbone of Oregon's long-term care system.

Thank you for your service and attention to this important matter.