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HB3838

I write to you today as a care provider concerned about the present and future state of home care in Oregon. Specifically, I want to highlight the threat that HB3838/SB1138 poses to both those who rely on home care every day and the adult foster care homes that employ many of Oregonians. Our small business are already struggling finding support caregivers to work with due to the worker's job instability who choose to move place to place due to the influence of other similar workers. Now, if this bill will pass, that would make it even impossible to find caregivers to help the providers of these adult foster homes, to choose them based on required criteria (qualifications, experience, etc) and that would force us to work alone without support 24/7. Even as a small business- we have to pay mortgage, taxes, residents food, education, activities for residents, business liability insurance, nurse assessments and delegations, etc, etc).

We strongly encourage the Legislature to reconsider HB3838 in light of these specific and critical concerns. Alternative measures should focus on targeted investments in workforce development, training, and supportive resources for providers without imposing burdensome and prescriptive regulatory standards.