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I am writing today in strong opposition to Oregon Bill 3838. As a provider and investor in my adult care home for over 30 years, I have witnessed firsthand how this industry serves as a vital support system for some of our most vulnerable populations—seniors and adults with disabilities who rely on consistent, compassionate, and affordable care in a home-like environment. Bill 3838, if passed, will dramatically and negatively affect the sustainability of family-run adult care homes like ours. This bill introduces regulations that are not only financially burdensome but also structurally unfeasible for small, community-based providers. It threatens to push out experienced operators who have dedicated their lives to serving others—not large corporations, but everyday Oregonians who have built a business around dignity, safety, and personalized care.

Our family has operated adult care homes in Oregon for over three decades, providing employment opportunities to local caregivers and housing residents that lived with us until last day of their live. The passage of Bill 3838 would create such significant compliance hurdles and financial strain that it would force many long-standing providers out of business. The bill imposes rigid operational mandates that may work for large-scale facilities but do not reflect the flexible, individualized care models that adult foster homes and small residential care providers are built upon. These changes could force closures, reduce bed availability statewide, and create unnecessary stress and transitions for the people who call these homes their own. We are not opposed to improvement or accountability, but the measures in this bill are disproportionate and fail to take into account the real-world impact on small operators.

This is not just a business issue—it is a moral one. The adult care home model offers an essential alternative to institutional care. Our residents are not numbers; they are family members, friends, veterans, and neighbors who deserve stability, respect, and a voice. Bill 3838 threatens to unravel decades of progress made in home-based care in Oregon. If passed, it will accelerate the consolidation of care into large, impersonal facilities and eliminate choice for families seeking more intimate, home-like settings. I urge you to reconsider this bill and work collaboratively with those of us who have built our lives and livelihoods around this work. We need policies that preserve the diversity of care models in our state—not ones that destroy them. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony, and I sincerely hope you will stand with providers, residents, and families by opposing Bill 3838.