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As the licensee of two small foster care homes specializing in senior care, I strongly OPOPSE HB 3838. Being a licensed provider since 2007 and a caregiver since 2001, I have seen this business declining year by year due to the strain of never stopping new regulation that changes and adds yearly to the load we the care providers have to navigate daily to be able to continue to stay licensed. All this increasing regulation, and additional redundant paperwork is not improving the care. Is just taking away the provider's focus from the resident's actual care and companion and is occupying too much of a day's time on completing paperwork and filling reports. This small business is so regulated already and an additional board that will pile up more regulation and standards will just make our costs go higher and the service not affordable to our clients and the adult care homes out of business soon .

This is very obvious and seems to clearly be a political witch hunt played by corrupt agencies on private small businesses. It is sad though that our elect representatives are getting into their game. And is totally unethical towards our communities of seniors who should have the right to choose a home like environment if they desire it. As of today small care homes ( Adult Foster Homes ) offer the lowest Resident /Caregiver ratio by comparison to other long term care facilities, while offering more affordable pricing to our clients and the clients receiving Medicaid funding compared to all other facilities and the most individualized care. However our caregivers already receive livable salaries. This business is for the type of caregivers that love to care and are dedicated. We find value into being dependable to our clients. We are not your Typical shift facility staff where people come and go for their shifts, and only want to do that much. I am a live in provider from 2007. Same is my husband. We work and live into our homes and our residents become extended family. All our caregivers employees live into the Care homes as well. Our caregivers actually feel they are blessed to work in this business where they get to know their clients like family and besides livable salaries they get the benefit of not commuting to work, not needing a car, and the live in benefit of no rent and bills. This model of care is helping our seniors and our employees. We do not want an institution made out of Our Homes. Our clients chose this model of care because other have failed them. Our elect legislators should not engage into this Union game and stop pushing HB 3838 on small care facilities.

An additional board that will be making up new layers of bureaucracy is not going to be helpful to our unique niche of care that offers the closest care environment to an actual home and family.