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On Behalf Of: FRT Adult Care Home
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3838

We are licensed for only five residents. When we have vacancies, we can't even afford to pay ourselves. As a provider, I often work for months without any income—sacrificing time, energy, and personal wellbeing just to keep our doors open.

When we finally fill a spot, we're hit with steep referral fees—sometimes three months' worth, or even 100% of the first month's payment. But we still must feed, house, and care for the new resident throughout that entire time. If that resident passes away the next month, we've lost everything we invested—and are right back where we started.

This is not a stable business. Most ACH residents stay only a few months, and our income is completely unpredictable. We carry the emotional weight of end-of-life care while facing financial insecurity every single day.

Bill HB 3838 would only make things worse. It threatens to destroy small care homes like ours and push out the very people who are doing this work out of compassion—not profit.

Please stand with us. We strongly oppose HB 3838.

Sincerely,
Eugenia Vernica