

Submitter: Advocacy 4AFH  
On Behalf Of: Advocacy 4AFH Providers  
Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3838  
Subject: Urgent Concerns Regarding HB 3838

Dear Representatives:

I hope this message finds you well. As the President of the Advocacy for Adult Foster Care Home Providers Association, I am reaching out to express our serious concerns regarding HB 3838.

Today alone, I received three messages from adult foster care home providers who have not received their Medicaid service payments for some residents in their care homes. This widespread issue raises critical questions about the proposed introduction of an additional layer of bureaucracy and oversight when current government personnel cannot fulfill their basic responsibilities, such as processing Medicaid payments in a timely manner. One provider has reported waiting eight months without payment!

We believe that HB 3838 will only contribute to the existing workload and confusion faced by government employees. It is essential to recognize that adult foster care home owners are also caregivers, dedicated to the well-being of those in our care. This bill not only appears to be unconstitutional but may also be viewed as discriminatory, particularly against immigrants who are working diligently to build small businesses while providing essential services to frail elderly individuals.

We urge you to consider that the imposition of additional rules and regulations could force many of us to close our doors, ultimately impacting those we serve. The intent of this bill is being misrepresented, and we ask for your understanding and support in prioritizing the voices of caregivers like ourselves. We want nothing more than to ensure the best for our residents and the integrity of the caregiving profession.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you vote against HB 3838. Please listen to our concerns and stand with us in advocating for a more effective approach to support adult foster care home providers.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,  
Ana Petras

President

Advocacy for Adult Foster Care Home Providers