Submitter: Veronica Pocol

On Behalf Of: Adult Care Home Providers

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3838

Dear Committee and Elected Representatives,

My name is Veronica Pocol and I have been an Adult Care Home Operator for 33 years in Multnomah County. I am writing in strong opposition of House Bill 3838.

I have operated my small business with the best of my abilities, always having my residents at the center of everything that I do. In the most recent years, the challenges that we face as a small Adult Care Home have risen and have made it harder and harder to keep our business afloat. The rates of Medicaid patients have not increased as the cost of living has drastically increased.

The demands of operating a small business are challenging as it is and my concern with the House Bill 3838 is that they will increase the demand on our operations and ultimately negatively impact the residence we provide care for.

I strongly believe in fair wages, unification of providers and caregivers, but do not believe that the goal of the committee has this at the center. I urge lawmakers to vote NO on this bill and instead work with us, not against us, to find solutions that truly support caregivers, residents, and the homes that serve them.

Thank you for your time, Veronica Pocol