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Distinguished Legislators,

AFSCME represents several hundred members at facilities in Oregon that care for adults with developmental disabilities. We are here today to wholeheartedly support HB 4036 because it preserves client care and saves jobs.

First, HB 4036 will help preserve the level of care clients currently receive from our members. That means more contact, interaction and attention for each client.

Second, HB 4036 will prevent layoffs. Thankfully, preserving jobs is a priority for this legislature. HB 4036 preserves jobs in metropolitan and rural Oregon alike. Many of our members are the sole providers of health insurance for their families. For that reason, any layoffs are likely to cause a strain on state services.

HB 4036 is good for the economy, good for our social fabric, and good for Oregon. We stand firmly behind this legislation and encourage its speedy passage.

Respectfully,

Evan Wickersham

Council Representative

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