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TO: House Health Care Committee
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RE: HB 2056 (Elimination of Current Nursing Facility Exemptions)

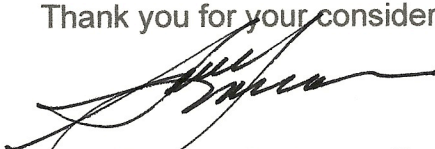
I am a resident and current chairman of the Friendsview Retirement Community Residents' Association located in Newberg, Oregon. Friendsview, is a "faith based, not for profit Continuing Care Retirement facility that has provided service for seniors for over 52 years. Our residents provide for their own long-term health care and as far as I know , no resident has ever been on Medicaid while at Friendsview.

As chair, I have a concern and responsibility to protect my fellow residents whenever possible, from issues that may affect their lives adversely. The Governor's proposal, contained in HB 2056 to eliminate the Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) exemption from paying the nursing facility tax would be an unfair added burden for residents of our community.

Most of our residents are people of modest means and have invested a good portion of their life savings in order to receive long-term health care and housing without becoming a burden to their families or depend on government subsidies. The projected additional cost to our residents if this exemption (waiver) is rescinded could run as much as \$50 a month for each resident, resulting in major economic hardship for many of our people.

We urge your committee to continue, rather than eliminating the exemptions in HB 2056

Thank you for your consideration,



Sam Farmer, Chairman, Residents' Association
Friendsview Retirement Community