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Oregon's Voice for Long Term Care & Senior Housing

**Testimony in Support of HB 5024
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The Oregon Health Care Association (OHCA) is a statewide, professional trade association representing over 600 health care providers, including for-profit and not-for-profit nursing facilities, assisted living and residential care facilities, independent senior housing providers, and private, licensed in-home care agencies. With nearly 40,000 employees, our members provide care and services to over 40,000 Oregonians in every community of the state.

On behalf of our members, OHCA urges your support for HB 5024, a bill that appropriates money from the General Fund to the Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman.

Oregon's Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman provides a vital service to Oregon's most vulnerable population. In addition, it serves as an integral piece of Oregon's nationally respected long term care delivery system. Without continued support for adequate funds, the hundreds of volunteers will be unable to provide needed support to Oregonians.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment and urge your support for HB 5024.