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Senate Committee on Health Care
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: SB 626: Support
19 March 2013

Members of the committee:

I am here testifying in support of SB 626, which (in its current form) renames and amends the duties of the office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman.

We know that Oregonians living in nursing home facilities, residential care facilities, assisted living facilities deserve quality care. They should enjoy freedom from abuse and neglect and the freedom to make choices about their care. Ensuring these rights is the mission of the Long Term Care Ombudsman.

This bill puts in statute that Oregonians living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and in adult foster homes deserve the same quality care and should enjoy the same rights and freedoms as other Oregonians with long term care needs. SB 626 adds duties for the long term care ombudsman and requires that office to appoint Chief Deputy Ombudsmen to focus on each constituency – those with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and in adult foster homes.

I urge an Aye vote so that these Oregonians with different types of long term care needs can benefit from the terrific advocacy of the office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman.

Regards,

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