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As a new member of the Legislative and Advocacy Committee of DHS, I am pleased to help support the efforts being made by all of you to help maintain the financial support being given to nursing homes in Oregon. I have spoken to nursing home owners who are considering going out of business because of the thin margins they have been working with. I thank you for your consideration in increasing the financial supports given to this effort which is so critical to our aging population. I am a Lutheran pastor in my other life, besides being a systems analyst for our state's Disability Determination Services and see much privation. Anything we can do to provide a surer footing to this work is welcome and kind.

Our advocacy group, besides other requests, additionally also ask:

That the legislature consider policy option packages put forward by DHS that were not included that address critical issues in particular case management staffing, Community abuse prevention via the Gatekeeper program and caregiver support.

Blessings to you in your work.

Sincerely,

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