

For the record, my name is Cathie Allman, and I work as a caregiver for an in-home care agency in Central Oregon. I have been a caregiver for over five years. Even though it is hard work, I love what I do and I know that I am having a significant impact in the lives of many people. I also value the flexibility and independence this type of work affords. I am concerned with Senate Bill 1556 which would require that my personal information be publicly posted. I am opposed to this intrusion into my privacy. I am proud of the work I do and the training I have acquired to be a qualified caregiver, which includes over 30 hours of training as well as continuing education throughout my career. I hope you can all appreciate my desire for privacy regarding my personal information. The last thing I want or need is the risk of my information being made public and this bill gives me no ability to choose. Plus, I don't see the need for a registry since an agency's survey history is public and available and consumers and their family members have access to this information either through the agency or through the state. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Cathie Allman