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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2495

#### Opposing the Bill

I am an RN and own an Adult Foster Home In Multnomah County. My reason for opposing the bill is that healthcare cannot be looked at as a one-size-fits-all type of a plan, every patient is different. There are enough base rate patients in the country but then there are patients who have high care needs that providers would not be able to provide care without exceptional rate payments. These high complex patients deserve to be in Adult Foster Homes just as patients who have low care needs. Some of the providers have the necessary experience needed to be able to care for these patients safely at home. I started this business for me to be able to use my education and knowledge to keep complex patients safe out in the community. My home rarely sends patients to Urgent care or to the Emergency room as I am able to anticipate a health or psychiatric issue and I am able to mitigate/solve it before it gets to the point of sending the patient to the Hospital. By so doing I save Medicaid high costs associated with ER visits as well as hospitalizations.