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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2495

Hello I would like to oppose this bill due the fact that I think it's grossly irresponsible to reduce funding from any type of programs right now during record high inflation, labor shortages and increased housing costs. Considering the state has over 1.8 billion dollars in cash reserves and also who knows how many hundreds of millions in tax surplus yet to be realized from 2022 the legislatures should not consider cutting funds from one place to raise them in another. Base rates should absolutely be raised for all adult foster care homes not just "certain" homes; also because our rates are well below our neighboring states. All other programs should remain in place because a 50% raise is still no where near enough to cover the appropriate staff needed for the types of residents requiring exceptional rates. Thank you for your consideration.