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On Behalf Of:

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As a placement agency owner and advisor, as well as the President of the Oregon Senior Referral Agency Association, I see a massive need for more adult care home beds and higher medicaid reimbursement. If the care homes are allowed to have 7 residents, they would be in a better position to accept medicaid funded residents and provide the quality and level of care these members of our community require. With the rising costs of operating any business, these care home providers need to have the ability to pay their staff well, provide quality foods to the residents and integrate a strong calendar of activities to engage all the residents. More residents in the home and a higher medicaid reimbursement will have a substantial trickle down effect. It will limit the number of admissions to hospitals, ensure that families have the proper support for their loved ones and will ultimately cost the state less if individuals can have the right care at the right time instead of being limited by funds or bed availability. Please vote to increase the resident maximum to 7 and pay a higher reimbursement rate for medicaid residents, that is paid in a timely manner.