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My name is Christina Ragsdale I have been in the healthcare industry for 20 years from hospital, skilled nursing, ALF/RCF administration. I got fed up with the large company models and their lack of quality care to the residents in their care. In 2018 I opened my adult foster care home so I could ensure the residents in my home get the loving quality care they deserve, home cooked fresh meals in an environment that feels like home rather than an institution. In the nearly 6 years I have been open I have had zero substantiated complaints or violations. I love what I do as do most of us homeowners/licensees we do not do it for the money we do it because we love what we do and we care about the people we serve. I support SB 1591 to allow our homes to have 7 residents, increased revenue help keep foster homes in business many are closing due to the very extremely low medicaid rates we are paid. There is a shortage of LTC beds available across the state passing this bill will help with this problem. Please think about all the seniors and disabled people in our great state that need care but have nowhere to go.