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Adult care home were created to provide a home like environment for elderly Oregon residents and they have been very well cared for. They have become part of our families and sometimes we care for them for 10+ years.

I strongly recommend that the authors of SB 1138 and HB 3838 come visit our adult care homes and witness firsthand the type of care we provide for our residents. By creating yet another bureaucratic entity, the State is bypassing the major issues that hinder our ability to provide care to our most vulnerable seniors and adults with disabilities. We cannot continue to lose ACH providers because of poor Medicaid reimbursement, overwhelming and ineffective bureaucracy and disconnect between the licensors and the ACH providers. Oregon has a strong history of innovative and cost-effective long-term care options in the adult care home sector. Let's strive to protect this level of care and fix the issues that impact on our residents and our ability to run a small business. I implore you with all respect to reconsider SB 1138 and HB 3838.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
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