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To the Committee Members :

I strongly oppose this bill as it will destroy the Adult Foster Care Home industry. As a small business, the government has no business setting exceptional standards for us as they are already in place for all businesses. Each care home is so different from the others regarding our income, budgets, etc., that placing a one-size-fits-all wage makes no sense. We all adhere to our state minimum wage, paying way over that amount to compete with other businesses. As for setting schedule requirements, because of the diversity of our clientele and their individual care needs, our schedules revolve around that aspect. To assume or require that we can have schedules that other businesses have is ludicrous. We are not a franchise.

Regarding educational and safety standards, we adhere to the standards the state has already set for us. We are inspected twice a year to ensure compliance with these standards.

We do not need a committee to run our businesses. This is unprecedented and would not be tolerated in any other small business setting. Adult Foster homes provide a strategic link to the care of our older population, and this will make it impossible to continue with the excellent care we provide.