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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3838

My name is Mia, and I have been a licensed adult care home operator since 2003. For over two decades, I have dedicated my life to serving the elder and disabled community, striving to enrich their lives through quality care, advocacy, and a nurturing environment they can truly call home. In addition to providing critical care, small care homes like mine create meaningful employment opportunities for staff who are passionate about making a difference.

I am writing to you today to express my strong opposition to HB 3838.

While I understand the intent to support care workers, this bill would have devastating consequences for small, community-based providers like adult care homes and DD homes. HB 3838 threatens to push out small businesses that have spent years building safe, stable, and supportive environments for some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

If this bill passes, many of these residents will be displaced, forced to find other housing options that are already limited. Ironically, the very workers HB 3838 seeks to protect will lose their jobs if providers are forced to close their doors. Without sustainable facilities to employ them, there will be no job security to offer.

As a business owner who has navigated this highly regulated and challenging industry for more than 20 years, I can say with full confidence: HB 3838 is a terrible idea for the future of elder care and disability services in Oregon. We need legislation that supports both our residents and the providers who work tirelessly to give them dignity, stability, and care — not legislation that dismantles the delicate ecosystem that currently serves them.

I respectfully urge you to vote NO on HB 3838 and stand with the vulnerable populations and small businesses that are the backbone of Oregon's long-term care system.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state.

Sincerely,
Mia Strava