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To: House Committee on Health Care

From: Melanie St. John
ROPGAB Board Chair

Re: HB 4040

As members of the Oregon Residential Ombudsman and Public Guardian Advisory Board (ROPGAB), we are writing in support of HB 4040, a bill that changes the rules for how certain health care providers are licensed and regulated. In particular, we strongly support the section of the bill that modifies the requirements for how the Department of Human Services must publish Residential Care Quality Measurement Program data.

ROPGAB oversees the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman (OLTCO) including its programs of the Residential Facilities Ombudsman (RFO), the Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO), and the Oregon Public Guardian (OPG). The statutory directives for the Board also include advising the legislative Assembly on issues related to the agency, its programs, and the Oregonians served by the agency. The ROPGAB Board members represent decades of experience in mental health care, brain injury, long-term care, elder law, guardianship, advocacy for individuals with disabilities and Oregon's elder population, law enforcement, and as caregivers ourselves.

This amendment in HB 4040 will mandate how APD publishes/makes Residential Care Quality Measurement Program data available and will assist in OLTCO's efforts to continue to protect vulnerable Oregonians.

We urge you to pass HB 4040 in this legislative session and are available for testimony or additional information if needed.

Thank you for your consideration.

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