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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB811

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose SB 811 due to the significant and detrimental impact it will have on the assisted living and adult care home industry. This bill, in its current form, combines multiple unrelated provisions, making it difficult to address the real issues at hand effectively.

Oregon's care homes play a vital role in supporting our aging and vulnerable populations, ensuring they receive quality care in a home-like setting. However, SB 811 threatens the stability of our industry in the following ways:

1. Unfair Regulatory Burdens – This bill introduces sweeping changes that will increase operational costs and regulatory hurdles, making it nearly impossible for smaller, community-based care homes to remain open. Many providers, already struggling under existing regulations, will be forced to close, leading to a shortage of care options for seniors and individuals with disabilities.
2. Lack of Industry Input – SB 811 was proposed without meaningful consultation with those of us directly impacted: care home owners, administrators, and caregivers. We need a seat at the table to develop balanced and practical solutions that protect residents without overburdening providers.
3. Negative Impact on Residents and Families – If this bill passes as written, many care homes will shut down, forcing residents to relocate. This will cause disruptions in care, emotional distress, and potential health declines for the very people the system is meant to protect. Families will have fewer choices, higher costs, and less access to quality care.
4. Combining Unrelated Issues into One Bill – SB 811 bundles too many different issues together, making it difficult to evaluate and address each concern separately. It is unreasonable to push legislation forward in this way without considering its unintended consequences.

I urge you to reject SB 811 in its current form and work with industry stakeholders to create solutions that truly support Oregon's senior care industry. We are committed to providing quality care, but we need policies that strengthen—not dismantle—our ability to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration.