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On February 17 of this year my adult foster home has been licensed for 30 years. I operate two homes and have capacity for 10 residents total. I currently have a waitlist of 9 people. I get multiple calls weekly. There are no openings in our area for quality care in AFHs. Increasing capacity from 5 to 7 improves quality of life for my residents because it gives them a little more opportunity for socialization, and it gives me a greater ability to have around the clock staff. Currently if a resident needs night care or two person transfer it automatically condemns them to skilled nursing facility in our area, which is unfair to the seniors of Oregon, who deserve to have quality care options. Please support this measure to allow up to seven residents to both increase bed capacity in our area, and improve quality of life for seniors.