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I oppose the passage of this Act on account of the unclear language concerning punitive measures against registrants. I am a very small business operating in the spirit of cottage industry. I make a point to read and understand the laws and rules concerning the MMMP. In fact, I did this extensively and consulted attorneys prior to registering as a caregiver to confirm the viability of participating as a small business.

This Act does not define "minor registration violation", "major registration violation", nor what constitutes anything "affecting public safety". It would be impossible for me to support this law without understanding the definitions in the first place.

Leaving this up to the OMP during rulemaking stands to increase tensions between caregivers and the Department, as they clearly do not have faith in the good intentions of the industry participants as evidenced by the disastrous and destructive proposed rules under scrutiny at this time. Furthermore, the fines in this Act seem very high in relation to the activities they likely apply to.

The MMMP inspection process is a great opportunity for any registrant to learn and enhance compliance within ones operation. The inspector I have worked with was very interested in helping me meet the demands of the law and the rules. The process was very friendly and I felt the OMP was working WITH me to improve for the greater good. Not once did I fear punitive measures and not once were they threatened. I ask this committee to please endeavor to support the MMMP in ways such as this, wherein the OMP is working FOR and WITH caregivers, not against them as the OMP is attempting with their out-of-touch consultants. Let us please have punishments that appropriately address the violations.

Lastly, and I cannot mention this often enough, may we please have a caregiver representative and a patient on the advisory council?

Thank you for your consideration.