

Committee on Labor and Public Employees
Testimony Regarding **SB 393 - AN ACT CONCERNING DOMESTIC WORKERS**

March 8, 2016

Dear Members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee:

My name is Peter Ruekberg, Director of Operations at Home Care Advantage, LLC a Non-Medical Home Care Agency. I appreciate the opportunity to add comments to this hearing.

I am opposed to the bill as written, including the following.

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As a provider of home care to primarily elderly clients, the requirement to pay overtime for a seventh day of work regardless of whether the employee has worked 40 hours in that week would be an added expense that many seniors would find difficult to afford. Many seniors would decline care that they need to be safe due to the additional cost. Employees are not required to work a seventh day if they do not wish to, and many welcome the opportunity for additional income. I strongly urge the removal of this language from the bill, it would only limit care for the consumer and limit the opportunity for income for our employees.

Thank you for your consideration.

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