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Dear IRRC Commissioners:

I am writing to convey my strong support for the Assisted Living Residence (ALR) final-form regulation and asking that the Commission approve the ALR regulation

As part of our mission, the Acquired Brain Injury Network of PA proposed the concept and language that was incorporated into the regulation that establishes Special Care Units for individuals with brain injury in ALRs. This option is designed for those who are rejected for behavioral or medical reasons by providers in the Head Injury Program and the CommCare Waiver. Because of the transparency of the process, there will now be another option for those with brain injury about where they reside and where they receive services and support — an option for those who have been the most seriously harmed and broken by brain injury.

This option is badly needed both for brain injured survivors and for their families who currently have nowhere to place their injured family member if they are rejected by Head Injury Program and the CommCare Waiver. The Commission would do the residents of Pennsylvania a service by approving the ALR regulation.

Sincerely,

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