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Thomas W. Wolf, Secretary  
Department of Revenue  
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Dear Secretary Wolf:

Enclosed please find a letter sent to my office from Lee Ann Prince, 519 Penrose Lane, Warminster, PA 18974 in which she expresses her concern regarding the proposed regulations that will impact the assisted living homes.

As she states these regulations will make it more expensive and therefore be out of reach for many seniors that need this care. From firsthand experience with her father, she observes that the quality of care did not depend on caregivers having a higher education or GED. She also notes that an administrator, while performing duties of overseeing the associates, does not need to be a registered nurse.

Since this is an area of your expertise, I am forwarding her concerns to you for your consideration. Please respond directly to Ms. Prince at the address listed above.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

*Stewart J. Greenleaf*

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cc: Lee Ann Prince

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519 Benrose Lane  
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Senator Greenleaf,

I am writing regarding the new proposed changes in Assisted Living Homes. There is a need to have some regulation; however there are two of the new proposed changes that I have concerns that they maybe excessive and would make the homes more costly and put them out of reach of many needing that kind of care.

- 1. Administrators must be a registered nurse.

A good administrator does not need hands on resident care. They need to over see the associates in each areas of care. There does need to be a registered nurse to over see the medical and medication needs of the residents.

- 2. Care giving staff must have a high school diploma or GED.

We just had our Father in two different Assisted Living facilities for two years before his death. In seeing to the day to day needs of the elderly at those homes the aids, housekeeping, food preparation and dinning staff were pleasant, loving and took care of unpleasant hygiene requirements without complaint. None of these areas need a High School diploma or GED. I am in favor of higher education; however for some there are many reasons that is not possible. They can still be excellent caregivers.

Please consider these thoughts when setting up the new rules.

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Sincerely,

Lee Ann Prince

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