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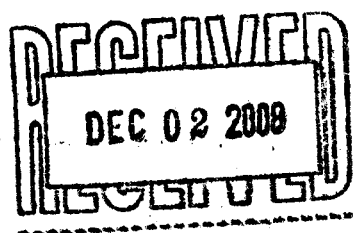
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November 17, 2008

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The Honorable Estelle B. Richman
Department of Public Welfare
333 Health and Welfare Building
Harrisburg, PA 17110



Dear Secretary Richman:

Enclosed please find correspondence from constituents in the 41st Senatorial District regarding the proposed Assisted Living Regulations.

These constituents have strong concerns with the current proposed standards, and believe changes are necessary in order to allow personal care homes to continue providing care. It is my understanding the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) has recently asked the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) to revise these regulations based on their recommendations and the input of both advocates and the industry. It would be appreciated if you would keep the concerns of these constituents in mind as the Department works to make the necessary revisions.

In the 41st District, both consumers and assisted living facilities are counting on fair and practical standards that will ensure quality care for our elderly and disabled citizens. Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Don White
Senator, 41st District

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Enclosure
Cc: constituents

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ISSUE DETAILS:

10/17/2008 aachenbach: Welfare/personal care home

NOTES: I am a Certified Nursing Assistant, and am not understanding why you are permitting the new regulations for the Assisted Living and Personal Care Homes to become law. The regulations are becoming more strict than in Nursing Homes. Nursing Homes get State Funding to meet all the requirements. Nursing Homes are not pleasant by any means. With the strict regulations, as you grow old, hopefully won't ever need placement. If you would require placement, your right of having choice, will be violated. You will have very small options as to where to go, and hopefully they have a vacancy. If there is no vacancy, you maybe very independent and only require assistance in remember medications. You will have to go to a Nursing Home and sit around and watch death come on a repetitive manner. That is wonderful way for you to enjoy your golden years. I agree there needs to be laws, and need to be followed when you are caring for human lives. What does making them so out of control that a small business facility is unable to meet them, and continue services. So now, you just eliminated a choice for someone needing assistance, and you just eliminated tax dollars from that area, due to the business not being operated. Have you as an individual, ever disliked a crowd. Well if you are, your golden years will cause you much unnecessary stress and misery, because you will have to reside with approximately 100 residents as a family. Where if the regulations were appropriate, then you may have the opportunity to reside with 12 residents. Sure would make your new living arrangements more manageable and much easier to adjust. People cannot sit behind a desk and understand anything until they work the field, and see the terrible situations that are rising for these poor souls that need assistance. This is to be a country of choice, and opportunity. Unfortunately, our government is making sure this is so untrue. The veterans that have worked, and gave all for our country are not being thanked in a manner when they become older and frail.

Senator Donald C. White
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ISSUE DETAILS:

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Received by: Phone

10/06/2008 aachenbach: Department of Public Welfare/Personal Care Home

NOTES: Mr. Furey contacted the office today to voice his displeasure with new regulations from DPW pertaining to personal care homes and the requirement of administrators to have at least a 2yr degree. His sister-in-law has been an administrator for nearly 20yrs at Ridgeview and will potentially loose her job if these regulations are enacted and enforced.

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*Ltr. to Sec. Richman
Ltr. to constituents*