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To: IRRC
Subject: Assisted Living for Developmentally Disabled

Gail Weidman,

Am sorry for this hastily written note. I just learned at 10:00 pm. this evening that there was an opportunity to address concerns about the proposed regulation changes for assisted living facilities, and that it ended as of today. Briefly, there are a number of us (aging parents of mentally disabled adults) in Delaware County who are looking for something far different from the 3 person group home or the family type home care currently being offered in our state. I visited a beautiful licensed assisted living facility for 12 such adults in a small city in North Carolina --- and have found nothing comparable in the urban areas of Pennsylvania. Many of us have been meeting and want our state to provide assisted living for our adult/aging mentally disabled children just as they do for elderly, non-disabled adults. Many of the needs are very similar. Enough of this issue for tonight but please take this to the people who are thinking through the changes. There are more meetings being planned and a wider outreach is ongoing. Surely, you will see a broad need for similar facilities being expressed in the near future.

Thank you for the time.

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