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**proposed Department of Health (DOH)  
Pennsylvania Nursing Facility Licensure  
Regulations to 28 PA. Code 201 and 211  
to Federal Code 42 CFR Part 483**

My dear Lori Gutierrez:

It has come to my attention that this proposed regulation, which will require copious Medicare paperwork, is under review by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission.

My understanding is

that this would be required even of independent retirement communities such as Foulkeways, that are self-sustaining and do not receive any funding from Medicare.

Could you kindly direct me to information which supports this reasoning? I am not aware of anything that would benefit the residents or caregivers at Foulkeways if this regulation was put into effect. What I do know is that it would be burdensome to the staff there and also financially to those who live and work there. This would inevitably affect the quality of care, but not, I believe, in a good way. Foulkeways has had a longstanding excellent reputation of fiduciary oversight and social equity, as well as an unblemished record with the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Adding unnecessary regulatory oversight would burden all concerned. It smacks of punishing those who have worked good faith, and crippling what has worked well for good of all. This surely is wrong! The (perhaps unintended) consequences will send a message with far-reaching repercussions, NOT for the general welfare!

And it is also so unfair to Foulkeways residents of modest means, such as my mother. In a self-sustaining non-profit organization the costs will surely be passed along to those who live there.

Please send to me any evidence that this proposed government regulation is fair and in the public interest; I am not aware of anything to that effect.

Respectfully yours,  
Linda Ellis, daughter of a longtime Foulkeways resident.

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