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I am a resident of Foulkways, 1120 Meetinghouse Rd., Gwynedd PA 19436

These are my comments concerning these proposed regulations and how they will negatively impact the nursing facility where I am a resident

My husband had suffered from Alzheimer's. He was a resident in Assisted Living and Skilled Care here from 2018 until 2020 when he passed away. I remain a resident of this facility in independent living. I have been here since 2006. I have Multiple Sclerosis.
The care that I and my husband have received at this facility has been nothing short of exemplary.

I know that every time that there is an inspection of our facility, Foulkeways passes with flying colors.

Foulkways nursing care is self funded by residents. We do not accept any federal Medicare money and request that we not be subjected to these onerous PA regulations. I understand we would have to go out and hire a special RN simply to fill out the additional paperwork. We cannot afford or easily find that person. It would add another $170k or so in annual salary, monies which are much better used to continue providing great patient care.

Please exempt our facility from these proposed regulations.

Regards,

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