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To: Lori Gutierrez  
Deputy Director  
Office of Policy

Dear Ms. Gutierrez,

We are writing regarding the proposed Department of Health Pennsylvania Nursing Facility Licensure Regulations to 28 PA. Code Chapters 201 and 211 to Federal Code 42 CFR Part 483.

We are opposed to these proposed changes because they will negatively impact the future of the Foulkeways nursing facility.

In 2017 the Foulkeways nursing facility withdrew from the Medicare program. By doing so our health care staff can focus on providing exceptional health care to our skilled nursing residents, instead of spending their time on Medicare paperwork.

We have lived at Foulkeways for more than 11 years. During this time Foulkeways has received awards for nursing excellence, and we have seen firsthand consistent quality care for our residents who need skilled nursing. In addition, our 2022 Department of Health survey was deficiency free. This has been accomplished without regulatory constraints or government funds.

Please take into consideration the impact of forcing unnecessary regulations on the Foulkeways self-funded nursing facility. We recommend that our small 52-bed nursing home be exempt from Federal Medicare regulations imposed on

us by the state. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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