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To: Lori Gutierrez  
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625 Forster Street, Room 814  
Health and Welfare Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Subject: Arbutus Park Retirement Community - Proposed regulations to increase staffing hours per patient day from 2.7 to 4.1.

Ms. Guitierrez,

As the Vice President of the Board of Directors at the Arbutus Park Retirement Community located in Johnstown, PA, I am writing to you today in STRONG OPPOSITION to the proposed regulations to increase staffing hours per patient day from 2.7 to 4.1. As you are well aware, staffing in general is becoming a nationwide shortage, but has hit senior living facilities the hardest, with many medical staff being isolated during the Covid epidemic due to exposures and contact tracing.

Arbutus prides itself as one of the last non-profit care facilities in the area, but this adds to the challenge of hiring and maintaining medical staff in such a competitive market. While Arbutus provides excellent care with its current required staffing levels, an increase from 2.7 to 4.1 (>50% increase) staffing hours per patient day would not only put a massive strain on staffing demands, but would also threaten to cripple us financially. Currently, Arbutus provides excellent care at the required 2.7 staff hours per patient day, and on average, exceeds it.

Please consider these very specific limitations as part of the evaluation and understand the negative effects these regulations could have on the senior citizens of Pennsylvania.

I have copied Senator Wayne Langerholc and Representative Jim Rigby on this correspondence to ask for their support in opposition of the proposed regulations.

I look forward to receiving acknowledgement of this transmittal.

Respectfully,  
Julian R. Beglin  
Arbutus Park Retirement Community  
Vice President, Board of Directors  
c: 814-659-5840.

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