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Dear Ms. Gutierrez,

I am very distressed by the proposed changes to the regs of nursing homes in PA. As a former member of the Kendal Outreach staff, I was privileged to visit many nursing homes in Pennsylvania. The staff in all of them are overworked and under paid, especially the CNAs! Care practices need to be continually improved, yet there is no time, since the regulation focus on tasks and not on the people served in these facilities. There has not been an increase in reimbursement to nursing homes for how many years? Yet the expectations increase each year. Person centered care, infection control, equity and equality are time consuming practices that are meant to improve the quality of life for residents. As the government increases their budget each year, the most vulnerable, our elderly, are ignored, put in homes or left at home, to be out of sight, ignored. It is a terrible way to treat those who helped keep this commonwealth and this country at the forefront of the world. The very real and future shortage of healthcare workers is not addressed, in fact appears to be ignored. If difficult to treat residents cannot be cared for in nursing homes, they may end up in hospitals, where costs are even higher, which will reflect back to the taxpayer. Poor management of the health system is what has gotten us to where we are. Forcing local, non-profit nursing homes out of business only benefits the large healthcare systems and for profit organizations that historically do not have good track records.

Please reconsider the changes you are proposing to the regulations and how each one will impact the residents of nursing home and the entire commonwealth in the current situation and in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

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