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To Whom It May Concern,

I want to discuss the proposed Long-Term Care (LTC) increase in hours per patient per day. 2.7 hours per day is drastically low and leaves clients not receiving the necessary care. 4.1 is a great goal; however, I believe this is unattainable currently. To reach this goal, I believe it needs to be a 5–10-year goal.

I am a Registered nurse and hold a Doctorate in Nursing Practice degree. I have a work history in LTC, medical-surgical, oncology, and education. I also hold a state-issued certification to teach nurse aides.

Currently, in Clarion County, we have no practical nursing program and, to my knowledge, no nurse aide training program. As a result, we have three facilities fighting to attain staff.

To reach this goal, we will need substantial investment in education and a change in the Nurse Aide training requirements. It is hard to find educators willing to teach nurse aides because of the requirements. In addition, the training paperwork is antiquated; when I last taught a class, I spent two hours a day after the class completing the paperwork. Why can this not be turned into a web page that we decrease time? The website could allow the education programs to upload documents, reducing the department of education time on inspections. By doing this, it will decrease the workload and increase LTC facilities' ability to provide training.

Prior to increasing the hours, a solid plan needs to be created to promote education in each county. Without staff, LTC facilities will have to decrease admissions leaving people with no option for health care.

I would be happy to discuss this further with anyone.

Sincerely,

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