



August 28, 2021

Re: Rulemaking 10-221 (Long-Term Care Facilities, Proposed Rulemaking 1)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased that the Pennsylvania Department of Health is finally proposing to update the nursing home regulations. It is clear that comprehensive reform is needed and long overdue. I am writing in support of the [comments](#) submitted by CARIE and Community Legal Services (CLS).. As a resident in a nursing home, I have experienced firsthand the impact that inadequate staffing. There are some days when I must wait hours, just to get a glass of water, because there are not enough staff. I feel like I am not treated as a human being even though I have a right to dignity and respect. But how can a person feel dignified when they are left in their own soil for hours without assistance? In addition, to needing adequate staffing, we also need to make sure that staff are competent when providing care. Unfortunately, I have experienced gross negligence from staff who did not know how to properly transfer me which has resulted in a decline in my health. I came here with the goal of getting better so that I could return home, but because of the facilities lack of adequate staffing that goal seems far too distant. I strongly support the 4.1-hour staffing minimum and look forward to seeing additional needed improvements in staffing standards

Sincerely,

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