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To: Lori Gutierrez, Deputy Director, Office of Policy.

I am currently a resident in independent living at Foulkeways at Gwynedd. As a retired nurse, I chose Foulkeways not only for the care and services I have now, but also, and most importantly, for the outstanding health care I will receive in the future in the skilled care facility. The quality of that highly individualized care, the fact that staff turnover is low, and the array of services focused on the needs of each resident, made my decision easy.

Unfortunately, the proposed Department of Health Pennsylvania Nursing Licensure Regulations to 28 PA. Code 201 and 211 to Federal code 42 CFR Part 183, puts my future care in jeopardy. Since our Nursing Facility is resident funded, and receives no funds from Medicare or Medicaid, the cost will increase without any associated increase in quality. In fact, quality may decrease due to the time needed to comply with the data reporting requirements that will not result in improvements for residents or related to a source of income.

This is an extraordinary time in our lives, with the COVID pandemic and the accompanying challenges in staffing. The addition of more government requirements is both burdensome and unnecessary.

I ask that you review the proposed regulatory changes and eliminate the need for the three self-funded facilities in Pennsylvania to abide by them. My future health care in the Nursing Facility at Foulkeways is at stake.