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Dear Lori Gutierrez,

Regarding the proposed DOH PA Nursing Facility Licensure Regulations to 28 PA, Code 201 and 211 to Federal Code 42 CFR Part 483:

We are residents at Foulkeways. The proposed regulations would be extremely burdensome to us, would increase our costs, and are quite unnecessary. Our nursing facility withdrew from the Medicare program in 2017 because of burdensome documentation requirements. Staff should be caring for patients, not devoting their time to documentation. We have won awards for our quality of care, and there is no good reason why we should be subject to these regulations when our skilled nursing facility receives no funds from Medicare or Medicaid. That is not even logical. We are already dealing with staff shortages and a COVID pandemic. Despite these difficulties our quality of care is excellent, and we have won awards for it. I (Ronald) spent time as a patient in Gwynedd House (skilled nursing) after my complicated knee surgery, and I can testify to the quality of care. Of course some regulation is necessary, but it should be pertinent and sensible.

Ronald and Judith Inskeep