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Lori Guitierrez, Deputy Director, Office of Policy,

I am writing to you about the proposed DOH Pennsylvania Nursing Facility Licensure Regulations to 28 PA, Code 201 to Federal Code 42 CFR Part 483.

My father is a resident at Foulkeways where he is receiving excellent care. To impose requirements on Foulkeways that will impair the facility's ability to continue providing this excellent care to residents seems counterproductive and makes no sense to me. The whole reason the facility withdrew from the Medicare program in 2017 was to allow the staff to spend time with residents rather than spending time in front of computers filling out forms for Medicare money.

My father, whose biggest issue is very poor vision, moved to Foulkeways at the age 102 after the death of his wife (who was 100). It was also during COVID. So he knew no one, couldn't socialize with anyone, couldn't have his daughters visit him or even help him move in. He is a resilient man but the fact that the staff was able to spend time with him (to help him find things and simply talk to him!) was a critical part of his successful transition to a new life there.

The care at Foulkeways is excellent and more federal regulations will only make their jobs more difficult at a time when COVID is causing so many stressful issues on its own. The timing of these suggested changes seems unfortunate.

If these regulations are imposed, it is logical to assume that the cost of care will rise. This, obviously, is another undesirable effect of changing the regulations that will affect every family with a loved one at Foulkeways.

Please consider the value of imposing these regulations and their adverse consequences on Foulkeways. Doing so seems so unnecessary for a nursing facility that has run so successfully without them.

Thank you for your time,
Elizabeth Kemble