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Hi,

My grandfather lived a long beautiful life. He served in WWI. He was a devoted catholic. Loved his 2 daughters, 1 is my mother dearly and a devoted husband. He was married to my grandmother for over 60 years.

He died at 92 of a stroke and suffered from severe dementia and alzheimers. The Healthcare system failed him and countless others in this country.

When it was necessary to put him in a home, the choices were minimal. The first place that had an opening was disgusting. My family and I spent endless hours there because we 1st loved him, but 2nd, because we feared for his safety and others in the nursing home. It is located in Sunbury PA and should be inspected immediately.

Luckily, a spot opened not long after in Riverwoods in Lewisburg PA where my family is a long resident's.

The staff and care he received there was incredible. A 180 from the other home. Everyone there, from nurses, doctors, events people, cleaning staff, food service spoke to him BY NAME AND ALL OF MY FAMILY MEMBERS. They did everything they could, with the disgustingly small resources they were given and spared no expenses to serve the home's patients and care are for them. They also made my family feel comfortable and supportive.

I understand with COVID healthcare workers are especially needed.

Please please increase funding and pay/ retention/bonuses / benefits/ PTO/ holiday. Etc for these and all DEMONSTRATED and FAMILY LOVED. Employees. They are worth it, people are worth it, human beings' lives depend on it.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I would greatly appreciate a response.

I can be reached via email or phone at 570-713-4972 .

I have a personal connection to this issue because of my grandfather. Further, a professional connection and understanding because my brother is a nurse and I work for Ronald McDonald House Charities at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville PA.

I am blessed with an education and family with the ability and resources \* not financially but others) to speak out about this issue. Not everyone is as blessed.

Sincerely, a lifelong resident of PA and a loyal Democrat

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