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Attention: Lori Gutierrez, Deputy Director, Office of Policy

As a resident of Foulkeways, a resident financed life-plan retirement community at Gwynedd, PA, I strongly oppose the proposed Nursing Facility Licensure Regulations to PA.Code 201 and 211 to Federal Code 42 CFR Part 483.

I have lived at Foulkeways for more than eight years and am familiar with the quality provided in Gwynedd House, our skilled nursing facility. Not only is it closely connected physically to other facilities used by all of us, whether in Personal Care or Independent Living, such as library, pharmacy, and health care, but I have friends with spouses who now live there. One of the reasons I chose Foulkeways, is the expectation that when/if I should need to move into the nursing section I can expect to receive personalized, high quality care.

I was relieved when Foulkeways at Gwynedd's Nursing Facility withdrew from the Medicare program in 2017. Cost benefit analysis then indicated that the funds received from Medicare were not worth the loss of nursing home staff time necessary to providing care to the patients while sitting at a computer documenting the service provided.

As a resident closely attuned to the excellent care in Gwynedd House, I assure you we don't need Federal regulations to be imposed on the staff while we receive no funds from either Medicare or Medicaid. Also because our nursing facility care is resident funded, I am concerned that the proposed regulations will result in the costs of care going up for us, something I can ill afford.

Moreover, in the middle of a COVID pandemic and struggling with staff shortages, the imposition of additional government requirements would be both burdensome and unnecessary.

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