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To: Lori Gutierrez, Deputy Director, Office of Policy

Dear Ms. Gutierrez,

My relationship with Foulkeways at Gwynedd has spanned approximately 30 years. My mother was an employee, my daughter attended the daycare and my parents have lived there for over 20 years.

Please see the general comments below, and my personal comments about my father at the bottom.

- Foulkeways at Gwynedd's Nursing Facility withdrew from the Medicare program in 2017 because we wanted to allow the nursing home staff time to spend with providing care rather than sitting at a computer documenting for Medicare money.

- Our quality of care in Gwynedd House (Nursing Facility) is very good/excellent, we don't need the Federal regulations to be imposed on the staff while we receive no funds from Medicare or Medicaid.

- The costs of care will go up for us as our Nursing Facility care is Resident funded.

- We are in the middle of a COVID pandemic, there are staff shortages, the imposition of additional government requirements is burdensome and unnecessary.

- My father was a resident of both Abington House and Gwynedd House. During his time there, he received extraordinary care. He was surrounded by staff that he considered friends. They comforted him as his illness progressed and provided compassionate care for him, my mother and the rest of the family. Foulkeways at Gwynedd provided many opportunities for my father to participate in activities, including Saido, Music and Memory, Oma, and many more. I believe these programs kept him stimulated and engaged. Toward the end of my father's life, he struggled with mental deterioration that left him anxious and confused. Without the care he received from the wonderful staff, this would have been much more distressing to him and our family. I never worried about his care because I knew he was in good and loving hands.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you require additional information.

Yours,

Wendy W. Long