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To whom it may concern,

I am strongly **in favor** of a Pennsylvania Department of Health proposal to increase nursing homes' minimum level of direct care to 4.1 hours daily per patient, up from the current 2.7 hours. The current minimum is completely inadequate for addressing the care needs of the most vulnerable. A close family member requires nursing home care, and I have directly witnessed how deficient that care is with the bare minimal staffing in the home.

I strongly urge Pennsylvania to update its long-term care regulations to effect this much-needed change.

Respectfully yours, Barbara Mancini