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TO: Ms. Lori Gutierrez, Deputy Director, Office of Policy

FR: Judith Michael, daughter of Foulkeways residents Bonnie and Tom Michael

I write you today regarding the excellent care given to my parents at Foulkeways at Gwynedd's Nursing Facility. As you know, Foulkeways withdrew from the Medicare program in 2017 to allow the nursing home staff time to spend their time providing care to residents rather using those resources to enter data/provide paperwork required for new regulations.

The quality of care in Gwynedd House skilled nursing is excellent. Imposing Federal regulations when Foulkeways receives no funds from Medicare or Medicaid would decrease the quality of care. Since skilled nursing is resident-funded, the cost of care would increase if these proposed changes were implemented.

We continue to be in a COVID pandemic that is in fact escalating, and this has resulted in across-the-board staff shortages country-wide. The imposition of additional government requirements is burdensome and unnecessary, especially during this time of ongoing pandemic.

Our father died almost exactly one year ago, after receiving personal, loving care from the Gwynedd House skilled nursing staff. He had been a resident of Foulkeways since 2011, first in independent living, then in assisted living (where my mother still resides). During his many years in independent living, Dad several times spent a number of weeks in Gwynedd House due to two bouts of meningitis and several other acute complications. Because of the excellent care he received there, he was able to return to independent living for many more years. Our parents moved to assisted living a few years ago as their health declined. In spring 2020 both parents fell and were moved to Gwynedd House skilled nursing. Our mother was able to return to her assisted living apartment after a week or two, but dad continued to decline due to arteritis and multiple myeloma. He spent his last few months in Gwynedd House, where he received excellent, personal, and loving care. I would hate to think that anything would force Foulkeways to change the care that Gwynedd House skilled nursing provides to their residents.

I strongly urge you not to impose regulations that would negatively impact the quality of care

at Foulkeways Gwynedd House skilled nursing facility.

Thanks very much for your time.