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Lore Gutierrez
Deputy Director
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I am writing to you, as a resident of Fouokeways at Gwynedd Continuing Care Retirement Community and former CEO of that institution, to express my strong disagreement with the proposed Department of Health Regulations that replace 28 PA.Code Chapters 201 and 211. I believe these replacements will have strong negative ramifications to the operation of our facility.

Foulkeways' Nursing Facility has successfully operated for over 50 years as one of the leading healthcare facilities in the United States. It has routinely exceeded the standards of the Department of Health. We withdrew from the Medicare program in 2017 to allow our nursing staff to spend more time in the nurture and care of her patients rather than in fulfilling the routine demands of Medicare. I understand the State of Pennsylvania has only three similar institutions which are not registered with the Medicare System, all of whom are ranked highly for their quality of healthcare. If we are required to meet the demands of the new proposed DOH regulations it will reduce our level of care, as well as make it more expensive to meet the demands required for a very modest reimbursement. It would require that we add more personnel to our health center and reduce the actual healthcare provided. Since we are in the midst of a COVID pandemic, there are staff shortages throughout our region and the rest of the country, and more regulations will make that shortage even stronger and more expensive..

I was the CEO of our facility for 13 years and later a resident and patient in both our personal care and skilled nursing facilities. I found it to be sustaining and nurturing to my healthcare needs. I was brought back to health in that situation. It would have been far more difficult if the staff in our health center had been reduced. It would also make healthcare more expensive to us as taxpayers. Our community is almost entirely supported by residents. Therefore, the burden would be upon us to provide greater care.

I appreciate very much your requirement to provide efficient and fair regulations to our healthcare facilities, and I would ask you to seriously consider the ramifications of the proposed changes. You would be aiding the long-term healthcare institutions of our state by not adding them to the burden of providing services.

Thank you very much,

Sincerely,
Donald L. Moon
Gwynedd, PA

