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TO: Lori Gutierrez, Deputy Director, Office of Policy

I am a resident of Foulkeways at Gwynedd and am opposed to the regulations that could replace 28 PA Code, Chapters 201 & 211.

I chose to move to this wonderful long term care facility four years ago with my husband who was suffering from dementia. We moved here because I was no longer able to adequately care for him myself and had heard from many reliable sources that the health care at Foulkeways was very good - even though Foulkeways did not receive Medicare or Medicaid funds.

I am very thankful that I did this, even though it was a stretch for me financially. My husband's care in his remaining year of life was wonderful. The staff was kind and attentive, stopping us in hallways to chat, many times taking personal time to show him pictures of his childhood hometown on an iPad, providing him with an IPod personalized for him so he could listen to old favorites, and just going out of their way to be kind to someone who needed much personal attention. This was in addition to all the direct care he received here for his health needs.

I am so thankful I chose Foulkeways and will remain here to receive my own health care as I age. I know Foulkeways has received awards for the healthcare it provides - such as the "Pathways to Greatness" & "Excellence in Health Care Compliance" awards. I am confident I will be well cared for.

However, this is already expensive for me! I signed my entrance contract feeling confident I was aware of what my future financial responsibilities would be.

These proposed regulations will place a financial burden on me! Since Foulkeways does not receive Medicare & Medicaid funds, I do not think it should be subject to these proposed regulations. They will definitely effect the future survival of our Nursing Facility.

I think in person discussion of this is warranted and necessary.

Thank you for reading & considering my comments. The care of residents at Foulkeways is at stake. Susan Ochs

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