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Dear Lori Gutierrez,

At the advice of our CEO, Phil DeBaun and Mary Knapp, Director of Health Services, I have reviewed the proposed changes in regulations for PA nursing facilities. As I read the proposed changes it appears that the change would make regulations standard throughout the state, thus eliminating the exclusion of the Foulkeways nursing facility from the requirements that cover the rest of the state.

In summary, the changes would severely impact the level of care delivered at Foulkeways. Throughout the proposal the comments highlight the reasons for maintaining the current status.

I have the privilege of acting as a volunteer in Gwynedd House, our skilled nursing facility. Being on the floor as our residents receive the care needed, aided by regular input from professional activities personnel, social services and other personnel involved in the care of our residents, adding requirements of record keeping would detract from time the staff now devotes to hands on care. There are levels of oversight that guarantee a level of professionalism rare in the field. Introducing governmental oversight that took time away from care practices now in place appears to me to be counterproductive.

Thank you for your attention,

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