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Lori Guttierrez
Deputy Director
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Dear Director Guttierrez,

I have lived at Foulkeways since 2014. I am 76 years old and am active in the Community Building Committee and the End-of-life Concerns Committee, two committees of the Foulkeways Residents Association. I am a retired registered nurse, nurse researcher, nursing professor.

I am one of the luckiest Pennsylvania senior citizens to live in this relatively small, amazing facility for retired people, typically well-educated professional people: doctors, nurses, lawyers, researchers, engineers, artists, professors, teachers, grandparents and simply good people.

The health care here is outstanding: No deficiencies on 2022 DOH survey. What is it that receiving Medicaid or Medicare funds, and providing the reporting requirements would give us that we don't have?

PLEASE, NO THANK YOU!!! Foulkeways should be exempt from federal Medicare regulations.

More than deficiency-free on the DOH surveys, the place is kind, people greet each other and it smells good. This is no small indicator of something special and wonderful here. There is a palpable spirit of caring and creativity and community in the liveliness of the younger, more active residents. And these residents volunteer in settings where our residents who are less independent live: activities, art programs, singing, friendliness, watering the plants which provide beauty and freshen the air. COMMUNITY is key concept here and it works miracles.

At the core of Foulkeways is the remarkable relationship, top down, of the board of directors, administration, staff at all levels, front line workers, independent residents and residents needing more care: We know each other, we care about each other, we each do our part, and we help each other. Our Quaker-way is infectious. We eat together, we celebrate together and we grieve together. When Board members and directors retire, they choose Foulkeways as the place to live out their lives; that says a lot.

In this climate of community, with our residents, skilled staff and administration who work together, please observe our respectful
THANK YOU BUT NO THANKS FOR MEDICARE, MEDICAID, REPORTING, AND EXTRA CHARGES.

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