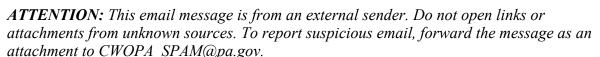
From: <u>Michael Johnson</u>
To: <u>DH, LTCRegs</u>

**Subject:** [External] Rulemaking 10-222 (Long-Term Care Nursing Facilities, Proposed Rulemaking 2)

**Date:** Monday, November 8, 2021 4:12:03 PM



Re: Rulemaking 10-222 (Long-Term Care Nursing Facilities, Proposed Rulemaking 2) To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased that the Pennsylvania Department of Health is finally proposing to update the nursing home regulations. It is clear that comprehensive reform is needed and long overdue. I am writing in support of the <u>comments</u> submitted by CARIE and Community Legal Services (CLS). I strongly support stronger protections and rights for residents should their nursing facilities close. It is especially important that residents and their responsible parties receive timely and frequent communication about what is happening. I disagree with shorten the time frame from 90 days to 60 days as stated in 210.23(a). I believe that residents and their families should be given as much time as possible to identify appropriate housing.

## Sincerely,

Michael Johnson (He/Him/His)

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