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Dear Ms. Gutierrez,

This letter is in response to the proposed Department of Health (DOH) Pennsylvania Nursing Facility Licensure Regulations to 28 PA. Code 201 and 211 to Federal Code 42 CFR Part 483 as they relate to Foulkeways at Gwynedd in Gwynedd PA. Both of my parents have been long time residents at this facility and I can say that they have received only the best care possible from an exemplary staff. My father spent the last several years of his life in the Gwynedd House skilled nursing unit, and my mother was also a resident of the skilled unit for additional support following a stroke before returning to her apartment in the assisted living section of the facility.

Both of my parents received care, and my mother continues to receive care, that has met and exceeded our very high expectations when it comes to not only the nursing staff, but all of the support staff and medical care team departments. I feel that this is accomplished by Foulkeways decision to focus more on the quantity and quality of interaction with it's residents rather than to spend more time on government documentation. It is my understanding that Foulkeways does not participate in the Medicare program and receives no funds for Medicare or Medicaid. Because of this I feel that thay should be exempt from the proposed Federal Medicare regulations that PA has imposed.

My fear is that for my mother, and for the other residents of this small nursing facility, these regulations will place a strain on Foulkeways financially due to the need to employ the staff needed to fill out the Medicare documentation Foulkeways is resident funded. If these regulations are imposed the cost of care will increase for my mother and all of the residents. One of the reasons we have been so happy with

Foulkeways is their ability to provide comprehensive, compassionate, and very personal care to our parents in a small, resident centered nursing facility. I also wanted to add that to my knowledge Foulkeways received zero deficiencies on the 2022 DOH survey which speaks volumes to me. I understand that there is a need for regulations, especially at nursing home facilities which receive payments from Medicare and Medicaid, however Foulkeways is not one of these facilities.

Sincerely,
Hannah Kimmel