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Brookside, Mason, Ohio

Thank you for hearing me today
To: Committee of Finance sub Health & Human Resources,

Testimony and request
to appear April 15, 2015

Dear Committee,

I'm writing in regards concerning Brookside where my brother James Stukenborg has lived for over 25 years. The closing of this facility would be devastating to our family and many others. Brookside was the only facility that would take my brother in. My parents searched so many places for him, only to be turned down by so many others. They kept him at home for over 30 years until they no longer could care for him. He needs 24 hour care, and is a 2 to 3 person lift and caregiver at all times. Many times Brookside has saved his life thru their great care and excellent nursing staff. This is his home! The staff there has been his family, many have been there over 20 years, and our family has as well! My parents have volunteered at Brookside for many years, my mom sewing and my dad fixing things and even making a special scooter for a resident. This is our way of giving back to this wonderful facility, we would be lost without them. Please, I'm asking you not to close Brookside or other facilities like this, it would be so detrimental for my brother and many like him! These "children" cannot function in a group home with only one supervisor, and no skilled nursing! I would be afraid for their care and well-being! Please, I'm asking you the committee to hear us,

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Mary Umphrey
Mary Umphrey (sister-co guardian)

House Bill 64 - closing of the ICF's in Ohio

P.S. My sister Rita Kunk and I would like to address this issue Thurs. March 19 in the afternoon in Columbus, Thank You. Also could you please send directions coming from Mason, Ohio as to where we need to be. Regards, Mary, Please schedule Rita Kunk and I the same time slot.

Wed April 15

My sister Rita Kunk and I would like to speak together on Wed April 15 from Mason, Ohio to where I need to be.

Also- adding why 4 to a room vs 2 is better

Why has Brookside cut back residence from 100 beds and why have I heard they are already adding into group homes

When Bill was passed