

My name is Linda Roth.

My husband and I moved into a South Franklin Circle independent living apartment in Oct. 2019. My husband had Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease at the time and I was his full time caregiver. However in June 2020 because of my own health issues and need for surgery, I transferred him to Crane House, an assisted living facility here at South Franklin Circle. Due to COVID-19 restrictions it was a traumatic change for him to be thrown into a strange new environment with no loved one allowed to visit and ease the change for him. He does not have and is not able to use a phone on his own. Aides arranged Face Time visits for him but he did not relate to this and it did not go well.

Later 20 minute outdoor or conference room visits were permitted but these were few and far between as appointment times were limited. These short visits were not the same as a relaxed visit in his own environment.

The result of this isolation has resulted in a dramatic decline in both his mental and physical condition and has taken a great toll on me emotionally. Because of the physical and emotional decline on both of us, I would no longer be able to manage his full time care *at home*. However *being allowed to care for him at the facility would benefit both of us. Therefore I am definitely a proponent of the passage of House Bill 770.*