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Chair Ginter, Vice Chair Swearingen, Ranking Member Howse, and the members of the House Aging and Long-Term Care Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony as a interest party of HB 770.

I am writing this because there is an immediate need to get into my mother's assisted living home. My mother's physical and mental health have declined substantially in the last few months, and this facility is not being transparent. They are ignoring requests for a virtual appointment with a psychiatrist as they have her on many anti-psychotic drugs for no apparent reason. I finally after many tries got to speak wither her today. She told me she is alone in this world. I assured her I am fighting for her. I really need your help, to help me fight for my mother's life.

It is very important that my mother choose a person to enter this facility on a regular basis with no stipulations. If by chance my mother cannot choose, either the POA or a person the POA chooses should be permitted to enter at any time. This decision should not be made by the facility under any circumstances. This specific facility is not being honest with my family and it scares me to think what they may be doing to other residents.

It is hard to put into words what I have been through with this facility since the Covid lockdown started, but it has been to long without a solution to this problem. We need to get in immediately. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

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