

Written Testimony on HB 770

Submitted by Amy Scott

Aging and Long-Term Care Committee, December 8, 2020

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 an interested party of HB 770. I previously submitted a testimony, but would like the following changes made to the bill:

1. **Replace** “Essential Caregiver” with “Resident Representative.”
2. **Delete** the requirement for the facility to be consulted on and prevent the access of Resident Representatives.
3. **Delete** the requirement for residents or Resident Representatives to provide a reason for the necessity of a visit.
4. **Add** a residents’ right to access their Resident Representative even if COVID-19 or another contagious disease is present in the facility — as long as preventive measures are taken — by both the facility and the Resident Representative.
5. **Add** a provision for residents to have access to their Resident Representative at any time with the exception of a 14-hour period for a safe plan to be put in place.
6. **Add** a penalty for facilities that violate this law.

Thank you for considering my input.

Respectfully,

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