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Aging & Long Term Care Committee

Chairman Ginter and committee members,

This is a petition I started several months ago. It has received national media attention. I originally did this for Ohio, but many people around the country were signing it and wanted it for all states. We are all in this together, and family must be let back in all long term care facilities.

Families are willing to do this under conditions as long as they are back in to monitor their loved ones care. My mother was brutally abused in nursing homes. The only way I found out was I knew something was wrong so I placed a hidden camera in and caught 8 aids involved in her abuse. Families are the ones who care for their loved ones and make sure they are treated with dignity and respect and free from neglect and abuse.

HB 770 is a must, we don't know how long it will take with the COVID vaccine, and we cannot wait any longer. Abuse and Neglect happens and is real. There were 15,000 cases of abuse reported in 2018, and in 2019 that number doubled to 30,000. We don't know what that number is in 2020 and will never know. But isn't it suspicious that none to very few cases are being reported so far in 2020 with no one in long term care facilities except staff.

WE need more legislation to protect our loved ones. Ohio House Bill 461 for cameras in all long term care facilities must not be ignored and passed to save our loved ones from the brutal abuse, neglect, rape, bed sores, and so much more that cameras can help to stop.

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