

Dear Chairperson Schmidt, Vice-Chairperson Miller, Ranking Member Denson, and Members of the Family and Aging Committee,

Lauren's Law, which advocates for the installation of cameras in care facilities, particularly group and respite homes, is crucial in addressing the neglect and abuse vulnerable individuals like my cousin, Ryan Bregar, face. Witnessing Ryan's deplorable living conditions in a Cuyahoga County respite home underscored the urgent need for such legislation. Expanding the use of cameras aligns with Ohio's "Technology First" approach (ORC: 5123-2-01 Technology First), mandating the consideration of technology to enhance care to the fullest extent possible. While my family intervened to rescue Ryan from his distressing situation, countless others remain voiceless and vulnerable. Implementing Lauren's Law is not just about accountability; it's about safeguarding the dignity and well-being of those who cannot advocate for themselves.

Thank you for your time,

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