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Dear Chairwoman Manchester, Vice Chairman Cutrona, Ranking Member Liston and members of the House Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide interested party testimony today on Sub SB 58. My name is Aleene Carrino.

My mom and many others are facing many challenges in long-term care especially since covid appeared. My mom almost died from sepsis last year on October 20, 2020 and a camera in her room would have allowed me to communicate with her at all times.

When my mom starts hallucinating I know that is a symptom that she gets when she has a urinary tract infection. Had there been a camera in her room I may have been able to prevent her from almost dying from sepsis.

I appreciate all of those working in long term care BUT THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE IN THE FACILITIES AND MY MOM DOES NOT KNOW THEM AND THEY DO NOT KNOW HER LIKE I DO. I AM HER DAUGHTER OF 53 YEARS!!!

**I am listing myself as an interested party because I support cameras being permitted in resident rooms, however, I do these concerns being addressed before this bill is passed out of the Families, Aging and Human Services Committee.**

1. I am concerned that Assisted Living Facilities are not included in this bill and only Federally Funded Facilities are subject to this law. We need cameras in both long-term care facilities and assisted living. I hope both are included in this bill.

2. I am concerned about wording in this bill in to stating **IF** a facility prescribes a form, or **MAY** prescribe a form. I feel there needs to be a form to protect residents, roommates and avoid any confusion on what a standard form used by all should include that there would be no need to have different forms at different facilities, separate policies at facilities proved to be chaotic in the pandemic. Standard policies and procedures for all would be less confusion for all involved.

3. I am concerned that if a facility does not prescribe a form that the process to follow is not explained.

4. It is not clear if a sign must be put outside of the room. In sponsorship testimony it was stated legally this notice should be posted outside the door. The bill leaves it optional.

These cameras are long-overdue in Ohio. There are not many places I go that do not have cameras that do not need my permission to be recorded.

If the resident or resident representative wishes to have a camera, and permission is obtained from roommate if there is one, then there is no privacy violation.

Currently, most families do not know from one day to the next if they can visit loved ones, this camera bill assures daily oversight by the family to help avoid bad outcomes.

Please ensure this bill will allow residents or resident representatives to easily install a camera if they wish to do so in all long-term care settings and assisted living facilities without any obvious challenges.

Respectfully,

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