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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.

I am a former LPN and I worked in Ohio and Indiana for approximately 27 years. I have seen different types of abuse over the years. I do believe cameras could be beneficial to both residents and staff.

I've seen residents left in soiled clothing and their positions not changed for hours. I know of a situation in an Ohio facility where the resident's hair was not groomed for days, and she developed a decubitus (bedsore) on her head because of it.

Another situation where a resident was left in her Geri-chair for over eight hours because she had dementia and when asked by nurse aids if she was ready for bed, she said no. They happily obliged her.

I've also witnessed an aid take away a resident's call light because she had "been on it too much" and was left on a bedside commode. And yes, she fell off it trying to get herself back into bed.

I've also felt I was "abused" because while working on the assisted living side of a health campus, I was made to lift a resident that did not qualify to be in an AL setting. Because he had money for private pay. So, he was not in the healthcare part of the campus where he should have been.

A large part of the blame for this abuse is money. The corporations that own these facilities are only concerned about their bottom line. Cutting costs to allow profit. And the first thing cut is staff and "hours". Little staff means that those on duty are pressured for time. They are expected to do the work of 2-3 people. It's impossible. They become sick and tired of the working conditions. Some continue with a pleasant disposition though some become irritable and take it out on the residents. But when you simply don't have enough help to take care of x number of residents in the allotted time that is just unacceptable, and it needs to end.

Thank you
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