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Memorandum

To: Members of the Senate Health Committee
From: Senator Nickie J. Antonio
Date: May 13, 2021
Re: Sub. S.B. 58- Esther's Law Changes

Over the past few months, I have worked closely with the Ohio Healthcare Association, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Aging, and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program to revise and refine language in S.B. 58, Esther's Law. I believe this collaboration has ensured that the sub bill before you today clarifies the true intention of the legislation and will best mitigate instances of elder abuse and neglect in long-term care facilities. Sub S.B. 58 includes the following changes:

- Clarifies who can legally authorize and install electronic monitoring devices and view the captured images; and permits the long term care facilities to prescribe a form for installation
- Restores language regarding who may access images captured by electronic monitoring
- Removes requirements for the Department of Health to provide reports
- Removes misdemeanor of the first degree for unauthorized use of an electronic device
- Removes the appropriation and related provisions

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nickie J. Antonio", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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