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Chairman Huff, Vice Chairman Antani, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Health committee, my name is Julie Griffith, I am the POA for my mother, Mabel Porter. Senate Bill 58 is a very important piece of legislation that will help the all the thousands of elderly residents in nursing homes and you should be proud to be on the committee that can make this happen. I take this opportunity to help all that I can by providing my testimony on behalf of my mother and all residents in nursing homes in hopes that finally we can accomplish something that should have been done long ago.

All during the lockdown we were lied to about my mother's care and as soon as we could, we audio recorded. The first night and for the 18 days, we were able to record and found neglect, abuse and falsification of records. The Department of Health is currently investigating my complaint.

We are also being retaliated against because of this.....a camera would have prevented all of this.

It is a little late, however, the cameras were needed during the lockdown, but it is about time this is taken seriously by those that can help.

The facility does not currently allow audio or video in the resident's rooms even though my mother is in a private room. Let's get this done!!!! We have testified at the Ohio Senate/House on SB308 and HB606 and for the Committee on Aging. We talked about the drastic need for oversight and you may reference our testimony.

The committee may also like to review our current complaint that the department of health is investigating!!

Respectfully,

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