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Chairman Huffman, Vice Chairman Antani, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Health Committee, my name is Vicki Krafthefer and I have a sister who resides in a nursing home. I am asking that SB 58 Esther's Law be passed. My sister has suffered abuse from this facility numerous times and they have gotten by with it only because attorneys say she has no worth (no children, no spouse and no assests. She has a lot of worth to me and my family.

If a camera had been in her room we could have identified the person(s) involved and probably been able to prosecute somehow. This abuse needs to stop, how many have to die before someone steps in and helps? Cameras are in stores, at banks, gas stations, etc. Were we asked permission for us to be on them no we weren't . If it is important for cameras to be in these places, then why isn't it important enough for nursing homes and assisted living? Residents have the right to be protected, why deny them this right? Please pass this bill, they need this more now than ever. I have sent pictures to show what my sister has had to go through, remind you she is that of a 5 year old child, would you allow a 5 year old to go through this?

We have been stressed to the max and my sisters hair is falling out bad. I am recovering from cancer and the stress and caused me a lot of medical problems, we should not go through this nor other families. We were promised our loved ones would be given good care. They broke their promises.

My sister had to have surgery due to neglect of the nursing home, they let an eye infection go for months without being treated. Call light not within her reach cited many times for this. I have sent pictures.

Thank you
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