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Chairman Hoffman, Vice Chairman Antani, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Health committee. My name is Madeleine Wylie, my mother was in assisted living for 3 years when the Covid lock down was put into place.

At this point in time my mom was fine, I took her to the hairdresser every Friday and then stopped for lunch. My mom used a cane or walker to get around with no problems at all. By May, they had my mom in a wheelchair at all times, and I didn't find out about it until June. June is when I first asked if I could put a camera in the room. I got a call that my mom received 19 stitches in her leg. No one at the facility knew what happened and my mom said it took 30 minutes to get to her. The director told me no cameras.

We had many problems with this facility after this incident, they were overmedicating my mom with strong antipsychotics. The facility would not give us any medical information even after contacting the ombudsman. I found out about the meds after one of her many trips to the emergency room. November and December of 2020 were the worst, my mom had several falls with 4 trips to the ER. My mother Maria Wylie passed away on January 11, 2021.

We as families should not have to go through this. If I could have seen what was happening, I would have gotten her into a facility that offers more care. The facility should have told us my mom needed a higher level of care, but they did not. They just put her back in her apartment and let her fall again, and again. She died with a face full of bruises from all of her falls. Please vote yes on SB 58 to save lives. If I was permitted to put a camera in my mom's room, without a doubt she would be alive today.

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