

Chairwoman Manchester and Members of the House of Representatives,

Thank you for allowing additional proponent testimony on Esther's Law SB 58.

I'm not here today to share more stories of abuse and neglect in LTC facilities. I am quite sure your constituents have made you acutely aware of their fears of placing a loved one in a nursing home terrifies them.

I am equally sure you are also terrified, I am also.

Staff need this law to pass to allow us to loving care for your family members.

Cameras would support accurate resident to staff ratios.

Cameras will be a definite deterrent to falsifying documentation of care not done.

Families will not need to depend on fictitious verbal reports from staff to determine if a loved one had a shower, was toileted, fed or turned in bed every 2 hours to prevent painful bedsores.

Most nursing homes have Resident Councils. This is where they meet to discuss changes to improve the quality of life in their facility. Their voices are strong when they unite to exercise their rights.

Staff, family and residents ask that you be on our team and carry the torch, moving forward to end neglect and abuse in LTC in Ohio.

The numerous entities proclaiming to investigate and protect our elderly are in need of extensive scrutiny and restructuring. It is not working and has not worked in years.

Please pass Esther's Law allowing nurses and caregivers the ability to be the staff your constituents deserve.

Respectfully,
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