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Nursing, Rehabilitation, Memory Care

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Village House Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
Elmwood Health Center
Bayberry Commons
West Shore Health Center
South Kingstown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
Eastgate Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

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Bill HB # 5076 – Article # 10 Support

Good Evening,

My name is Michael Bigney, and I am one of the owners of Health Concepts, Ltd., a locally owned nursing home management company. I apologize for not being able to testify in person.

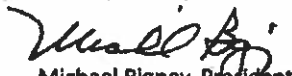
Our company owns six nursing homes throughout the state. We recently merged with Nursing Placement, a locally owned home care and hospice company in RI. Together, we care for over 3,000 RI residents daily, whether they reside in a nursing facility or in their own home. Our combined companies have been operating in Rhode Island for over fifty years.

I want to explain how much the staffing mandate will cost our company. The following schedule lists each nursing home and the monetary amount of the mandate.

PROVNAME	Quarter 2 Penalty	Annualized
Bayberry Commons	\$306,362	\$1,608,401.34
Eastgate Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	\$158,283	\$830,986.02
Elmwood Nursing And Rehabilitation Center	\$236,012	\$1,239,064.12
South Kingstown Nursing And Rehab Ctr	\$403,592	\$2,118,859.04
Village House Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	\$309,131	\$1,622,937.85
West Shore Health Center	\$553,606	\$2,906,430.57
	\$1,966,986	\$10,326,678.94

Obviously, \$10,000,000 will force us to either close our doors or sell to an out-of-state provider. This penalty is unrealistic and will actually have the opposite effect of its intent. This mandate will close nursing homes. This isn't a one-size fits all issue. Patients need different amounts of care depending on their health issues. Some need more care and some need less. Our patient case mix will dictate the amount of caregiver hours our homes will provide for our patients. At least that is how our company operates.

Thank you for your time and attention.


Michael Bigney, President
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