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House Committee on Health and Human Services HouseHealthandHumanServices@rilegislature.gov

Re: Testimony SUPPORTING House Bill H7969, giving residents of long-term care facilities the right to use electronic monitoring in their rooms

Dear Chair Donovan and Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 7969. My name is Keri Salinger I am the Chief Operations Officer of the Alliance for Better Long Term Care, we are the nonprofit that houses the RI State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program.

As it is the mission of the Alliance to improve the quality of life and health care of residents of long-term care facilities and assisted living facilities, we strongly agree that giving the residents the option to install a camera in their room will protect the resident. Especially if that resident does not have the ability to communicate effectively. It also will provide peace of mind for the resident and their family.

We do work with LTC facilities to ensure the best quality of care is provided to the residents and we are aware of their concerns. We truly feel that this will also protect the long-term care Facilities from any false allegations as well.

I hope you give this bill your full support. Thank for your time.

Best Regards,

Keri Salinger

Chief Operations Officer