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To: House Health and Human Services Committee
Subject: Testimony SUPPORTING House Bill 7969, 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 the following testimony in support of House Bill 7969.

My grandparents, with whom I have always been extremely close, are currently in a home. Most of the facilities available--including the one they are currently in--have had histories of neglect and unexplained resident injuries. I am growing increasingly uncomfortable at the thought of leaving my loved ones there (especially knowing there is just one CNA for every 20 residents on the third shift). Having the right to monitor a loved one's care remotely when family can't be there in person should not be a luxury, but indeed a necessity. My parents live overseas and are unable to be physically present to take care of their family members in long-term care facilities: as such, giving residents the right to use electronic monitoring would help in alleviating the anxiety and fear I know many families (including my own) feel and struggle with on a daily basis.

I strongly urge you to support H7969 and to grant Rhode Island's vulnerable long-term care residents and their representatives the right to oversee their care with electronic monitoring.

Sincerely,

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