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**Re: 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 Honorable Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 7969.

My dear friend experienced abuse and neglect in an assisted living facility. The facility didn't allow him to have a camera in his private room to stay in contact with family during COVID and allow them to monitor his care. Nursing homes and assisted living facilities are meant to be people's homes, so residents should have the same rights they have at home, with the exception of anything that could be detrimental to other residents. Having a camera in one's private room definitely doesn't compromise other residents' rights, and this bill protects roommates by requiring their consent before a camera can be used.

The opponents to this bill are owners and administrators, who are averse to accountability. With the current wage and staffing crisis for direct care staff, these facilities need more accountability, not less. This bill puts the power of accountability into the hands of residents and their loved ones.

I urge you to support H7969, so that long-term care facility residents and their legal representatives can exercise the right to oversee their care, deter poor care, and have some peace of mind.

Thank you for your consideration,

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