



April 23, 2024

Rep. Susan Donovan
Chair, House Health & Human Services Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chair Donovan,

I am writing to oppose your legislation, H8153, that would require assisted living facilities to establish, encourage and support family councils.

This legislation would place into state law a very narrow component of our operation, which we believe is problematic. We routinely have dialogue with residents and family members around issues of concern, and our team responds to these concerns regularly. We do not support amending state law around every aspect of our operations. This could establish a precedent that severely hinders our ability to operate in a very challenging economic climate.

There is a well-established mechanism within the Department of Health where regulations for our industry can be amended or repealed by petition. We strongly believe that this path, which comes with rigorous review and assessment of need, is the proper channel for addressing concerns.

We thank you for your consideration of our concern.

Sincerely,

Jasen Crozier
Chief Financial Officer
The Village at Waterman Lake

Cc: House Health and Human Services Committee