



March 27, 2025

The Honorable Susan Donovan

Chairwoman, House Health & Human Services Committee

Rhode Island State House

Providence, RI 02903

**RE: H5170 - Opposed**

Dear Chairwoman Donovan and Honorable Members of the Committee,

LeadingAge Rhode Island, which represents nonprofit nursing homes and senior care providers across the state respectfully opposes H5170, which would impose new reporting and administrative burdens on nursing homes despite existing federal Medicare reporting requirements that already provide extensive oversight.

While we strongly support resident and family engagement in long-term care facilities, the mandated disclosure of waiting list information and additional administrative responsibilities would create unnecessary duplication of effort. Federal regulations already require nursing homes to comply with strict transparency and admission policies, and H5170 would add redundant layers of regulation without improving patient outcomes.

At a time when workforce shortages and funding challenges continue to put pressure on long-term care providers, we urge the legislature to avoid imposing additional regulatory burdens that do not directly enhance the quality of care.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask the committee to reject H5170 and instead focus on policies that help strengthen Rhode Island's long-term care system without unnecessary administrative burdens.

Sincerely,

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LeadingAge Rhode Island