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To the members of the House Health and Human Services Committee

Royal Health is a family owned and operated company. We are the owners of two small nursing facilities and the manager of an assisted living facility that houses and cares for those with limited resources. Covid has taken a toll on us, as well as the tight labor market, making day-to-day operations a matter of survival. Our facilities in Middletown and Westerly strive to provide the highest level of care in spite of the obstacles.

I am writing to oppose House Bill H5426. H5426 will add an unnecessary regulatory burden on an already overworked staff. Current cost reporting requirements already provide ownership information. This bill will overcomplicate the situation in an unnecessary manner.

In addition, the limitation restricting the withdrawal of funds in excess of 3% of revenues is onerous and counterproductive. This limitation will significantly discourage any future investment in the property, equipment, staff, and the facilities. Many Rhode Island facilities are in dire need of capital investments to upgrade and modernize. In addition, the limitation will discourage new owners from coming into Rhode Island potentially forcing the closure of facilities, thus exacerbating the already short supply of nursing facility beds.

Thank you for your consideration.

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