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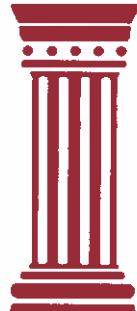
To the House Health & Human Services committee,

I am the owner and administrator of Woonsocket Health Centre. We are one of the few remaining family-operated nursing homes in our state. I am writing to you to express our opposition to HR5426 currently under consideration by your committee.

This legislation would place another new and unnecessary regulatory burden on Rhode Island nursing homes at a time when facilities statewide are only just now starting to recover from the disastrous Pandemic years. The bureaucratic controls over the finances of privately held companies would also have the perverse effect of discouraging potential buyers from investing in our state's skilled nursing facilities. This would depress the market value of our facilities and, by extension, would diminish our ability to access much needed capital through the banking system. Other unintended consequences would surely abound, none of which would be of benefit to our residents.

Nursing homes care for the most vulnerable members of our society. Our industry desperately needs investment to upgrade aging facilities and to continually improve the level of services to properly care for them. This legislation would be a giant step backwards. Please vote against it.

Respectfully,



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