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Dear Chair McEntee and Honorable Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 7488.

As a resident of Rhode Island and caregiver of older adults in this state, I strongly support H7488.

The current Rhode Island law does not fairly and consistently define “neglect” for all persons receiving long-term care. Rhode Island’s law requires that neglect of elderly persons or healthcare facility residents be “willful” or “intentional” to qualify as neglect, while the statute protecting persons with developmental disabilities omits any intent requirement.

The removal of the words “willful” or “intentional” from the statute will support the fair and equitable treatment of persons receiving long-term care in Rhode Island and aligns with the definition(s) found in more than 40 states.

I urge you to support H7488 and close this loophole that undermines accountability for neglect and abuse in healthcare facilities, and puts vulnerable older adults and facility residents at greater risk.

Sincerely,  
Alice Msumba