



April 29, 2025

The Honorable Evam Shanley, Chairman
Honorable Members of the House State Government & Elections Committee

Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: H6235 - Opposed

Dear Chairman Shanley and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

On behalf of LeadingAge RI and our nonprofit nursing home members, we write to express our opposition to H6235, which would impose additional financial and administrative burdens on nonprofit organizations seeking state funding.

Our nonprofit nursing homes already comply with extensive state and federal reporting requirements as a condition of licensure and participation in Medicaid and Medicare programs. These requirements ensure transparency and accountability without imposing unnecessary and duplicative financial and administrative burdens. H6235 mandates additional disclosures that go beyond existing regulations, creating yet another layer of costly compliance that diverts critical resources away from resident care.

At a time when nonprofit nursing homes are facing unprecedented financial uncertainty, including potential Medicaid cuts that threaten their ability to provide essential care, imposing additional unfunded mandates is both counterproductive and harmful. Many of our members are already struggling with rising operational costs, workforce shortages, and the lingering economic effects of the pandemic. This legislation would exacerbate these challenges by forcing nonprofit providers to allocate limited funds and staff time toward unnecessary reporting requirements rather than direct resident care.

Nonprofit nursing homes operate with a mission-driven focus, reinvesting resources into high-quality care for Rhode Island's most vulnerable populations. Unlike for-profit entities, our members do not distribute profits to shareholders; instead, they work tirelessly to enhance services, support staff, and meet the complex needs of residents. Requiring nonprofit providers to disclose salaries, benefits, and other financial data in a manner not required of for-profit

competitors places them at an unfair disadvantage and creates an undue stigma around the nonprofit sector.

We urge you to reject H6235 and instead focus on policies that strengthen and support Rhode Island's nonprofit healthcare providers. Our members remain committed to transparency and accountability through existing regulatory frameworks. However, imposing additional reporting burdens at a time of financial uncertainty only threatens the sustainability of nonprofit nursing homes and the critical care they provide to older adults in our state.

We appreciate your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. McMahon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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LeadingAge RI