



March 18, 2026

The Honorable Chairwoman Susan Donovan
House Health and Human Services Committee
Rhode Island House of Representatives
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: H7624 - Concerns

Chairwoman Donovan and Honorable Members of the Committee:

On behalf of LeadingAge Connecticut & Rhode Island, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding House Bill 7624.

While we would not object to annual surveys of assisted living residences that care for older adults living with dementia, we respectfully question whether this enhanced oversight is necessary at this time.

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) currently conducts unannounced biennial survey inspections of all assisted living residences, along with in-person investigatory visits in response to complaints or reported incidents. RIDOH also maintains broad regulatory authority during these investigations. Importantly, these investigations are triaged to ensure that the most serious concerns are prioritized and addressed promptly—an approach we believe represents an effective use of limited state resources.

Our shared goal is to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of assisted living residents while utilizing available resources in the most efficient and impactful manner. We would welcome the opportunity to engage further with the Committee and stakeholders to evaluate whether additional survey requirements would meaningfully improve outcomes.

At this time, we respectfully urge the Committee to hold House Bill 7624 for further study.

Thank you for your consideration.

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President