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My name is Aimee Claudio, and I am the mother and legal guardian of my son, who resides in a care facility in Rhode Island. I am writing in strong support of legislation House bill 7927 that allows families to install cameras in the rooms of their loved ones receiving care.

Placing my son in a facility was one of the hardest decisions I have ever had to make. He is medically vulnerable and depends entirely on others for his daily care, safety, and well-being. As a parent, I am forced to trust that he is being properly cared for when I cannot be there—but unfortunately, that trust has been challenged multiple times.

I have encountered several concerning situations involving my son's care. One of the most serious was when he was given liquids while lying flat, despite having known aspiration precautions. He was visibly coughing, yet the staff member continued. This is a life-threatening situation for someone like my son.

There have also been other troubling instances, including inconsistencies in his care routines—such as missed or delayed meals, and moments where his positioning and supervision did not appear to follow his care plan. These issues may not always be reported to families, and without direct visibility, they can easily go unnoticed.

Having a camera in my son's room has made a critical difference. It has allowed me to witness what is actually happening in real time and review events when concerns arise. Instead of relying on conflicting accounts or incomplete information, I have been able to provide clear video documentation when advocating for my son. This documentation has helped ensure that my concerns are taken seriously and addressed appropriately.

The camera has also allowed me to be present for my son in ways that would not otherwise be possible. On days when he is having a difficult time, I am able to speak to him through the camera. Just hearing my voice can immediately calm him down. That connection is incredibly important for his emotional well-being and something that cannot be replaced.

The presence of a camera helps prevent issues before they happen. It encourages accountability, reinforces proper training and procedures, and protects both residents and staff. Good caregivers benefit from this transparency just as much as families do.

Most importantly, it gives me peace of mind. I am not left wondering if my son is safe—I can see it. I can ensure he is being treated with dignity and receiving the care he deserves, even when I cannot physically be there.

This is not about mistrust—it is about protection, transparency, and advocacy for individuals who cannot speak for themselves. Cameras provide families with an essential tool to safeguard their loved ones and ensure their voices are heard.

I strongly urge you to support this legislation so families like mine have the ability to protect, advocate for, and stay emotionally connected to our loved ones in a meaningful and effective way.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
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