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Opposed House Bill 7930

Dear Members of the House of Representatives:

This letter is written to express the position of our company with regard to Senate Bill 3025. While it is clear that the intention of Senate bill 3025 is to prevent owners of nursing facilities from extracting needed operating funds from facilities that are already struggling with a reimbursement system that does not cover all costs, there are unforeseen consequences of such regulation.

Many, if not most nursing facilities in Rhode Island, are in constant need of regular maintenance and upgrades to their aging buildings. Lenders, owners, and investors will be constrained from making much needed investment to upgrade the struggling facilities without an expectation of a reasonable return on their investment. This bill would indeed have that effect. The reluctance to provide much needed funds for required infrastructure, renovations, and equipment will have a deleterious effect on the residents of the facilities. The failure to provide these funds will inevitably result in more facilities with physical plant deficiencies, and eventually the closure of many buildings for failure to maintain the properties.

An additional unintended consequence of such measures will be a race toward mediocrity. With no opportunity for a reasonable return on investment, there will be no incentive for owners and investors to improve their services or to invest in their workforce.

Passage of this bill will result in the unintended consequence of significant damage to the nursing home profession.

Respectfully

  
James S. Mamary