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Dear Chair Murray and Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Alice Msumba, and I am a Rhode Island resident, caregiver, and board member of the Alliance for Better Long-Term Care. I am writing in **strong support of SB 2566**.

This bill is fundamentally about simple fairness. Families should not be charged 30 days of rent and fees after a loved one has died, especially for services that are no longer being provided. No Rhode Island family should face a bill for care that was never delivered.

This bill is about accountability. Under current law, facilities can charge a family for 30 days after death *and* rent the same room to a new resident. That allows the facility to essentially double-bill for the same room. It is legal under current Rhode Island law, but it is not accountable, ethical, or defensible.

Connecticut, New Hampshire, and other states have already capped posthumous billing. Their assisted living industries continue to operate with strong margins. Rhode Island is one of the few states still allowing 30-day charges after death.

Families sign these agreements under duress, often without understanding the implications. They are grieving. They are vulnerable. They should not negotiate billing disputes during one of the hardest moments of their lives.

SB 2566 restores fairness, prevents double-billing, and brings Rhode Island in line with neighboring states.

I respectfully urge the passage of SB 2566.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards,
Alice Msumba