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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 2571**.

This bill is about simple fairness. A resident with dementia in a nursing home receives an annual inspection. A resident with the same diagnosis, same needs, and same vulnerabilities in an assisted living memory care unit may go for two full years without an inspection at all. There is no fair or defensible reason for that discrepancy.

This bill is also about accountability. Rhode Island does not assess fines to assisted living facilities for violations; that means the inspection itself is the only meaningful oversight tool the state has to hold the facilities accountable. When inspections are infrequent, accountability becomes lax, and residents pay the price.

Rhode Island is one of the few states that has reduced inspection frequency, even as residents have become older, sicker, and more cognitively impaired. Other states have moved toward *more* oversight, not less. Rhode Island is moving in the wrong direction.

The industry will argue that annual inspections are a burden. But assisted living remains one of the most profitable sectors in healthcare, operating at increasing margins. Families have seen cost increases of 6–11% annually regardless of inspection frequency.

Residents of memory care units cannot testify or advocate for themselves. SB 2571 restores a basic level of fairness, accountability, and alignment with national standards.

I respectfully urge the passage of SB 2571.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards,
Alice Msumba