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Dear Chair Abney and Honorable Committee Members,

*I write to submit this testimony in **OPPOSITION** to Article 8, Section 4 and Article 10, Section 2 of Governor McKee's Proposed Budget.*

The budget proposals would **redefine who is counted** toward staffing ratios under the **Nursing Home Safe Staffing Law**, effectively weakening the law. Additionally, funds intended for direct care would be **redirected to administrative personnel**.

The ask is that you remove the McKee administration's language in Section 2 that weakens staffing standards and broadens the definition of "direct care staff."

Protect caregivers and residents by maintaining strong, enforceable standards.

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