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**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Nursing home safe staffing in RI

Hello,

Do you know what it's like to be in a nursing home? Visit one if you think they are adequately staffed. Please provide safe staffing in nursing homes. My sister was in and out of numerous nursing homes for 5 years. Visiting her was so disturbing for our family. We had to visit daily to take care of her. She would have died if we were not by her side. Patients are neglected in so many ways. They are not showered, given the wrong meds, left in soiled briefs, fed slop for food and undiagnosed for UTIs and other illnesses. I have been present where we waited an hour after pressing the nurse button for assistance and went to the nurse desk to find it empty. As I walked through the corridor, other patients asked me to help them. It is the saddest environment I've been in. Call me if you'd like to chat further about this. I could write a book. Thanks. Annie Oster 447-1657.