

March 5, 2025

Dear Chairman Abney and House Finance Committee Members,

As a Nursing Home Maintenance Director I support HB5076 Article 10.

My name is Pasquale Simone and I have been in the nursing home industry for over 25 years. Although not in nursing I can attest to the fact that Cherry Hill manor runs in an all hands on deck fashion. All my staff including myself helps answering call lights and tending to any non-nursing needs of the patients. This facility is a 5 Star quality rating overall and in quality of care 5 years in a row and a deficiency free survey by the Department of Public Health. Mandated staffing levels does not accomplish quality outcomes. I support article 10. Allow nursing homes to continue to provide the care the community needs in a realistic and safe manner as we have been doing for years.