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**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Opposition to Article 8 Section 4 and Article 10 Section 2 of the budget bill

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To the members of the legislature who are holding a hearing on the above bills.

I wish to voice my opposition to Article 8 Section 4 AND Article 10 Section 2 for the following reasons.

Re: Article 8 Section 4

No one affects a nursing home patient more than the Nurses, CNAs and front line staff. All financial decisions MUST take into account quality of life concerns of our parents and grandparents who in many cases struggle with everyday challenges, just to have the most basic quality of life. As those funds are diverted to management and upper management it directly impacts not only the patients but each and every person who on a daily basis work to give residents the best of care AND dignity that EVERY human deserves, and unfortunately are not receiving now... in most RI nursing home centers.

Re: Article 10 Section 2

Any attempt to weaken staffing standards would ALSO have a direct impact on patient care and basic needs.... anything from feeding and dressing to personal hygiene is at risk now ( I have personal knowledge of what the lack of front line staffing does to our parents and grandparents.) It is important that patient care be improved with additional direct care and not reduced allowing for a degradation of care. ( Not to mention the special needs of Alzheimer's and dementia patients) At this very moment, Wednesday March 5, 2025, at 6:22 PM ( during this hearing) patients/residents at many facilities are in their rooms waiting.... and waiting.... and waiting to be brought to the bathroom or in need of a simple glass of water... and no staff is available with their MOST BASIC of needs.

I respectfully implore you to REJECT the above articles