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From: Denise Riel <deniselriel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 1:55 PM
To: House Health and Human Services Committee
Cc: Rep. Donovan, Susan R
Subject: HOUSE BILL 7969

Re: Testimony SUPPORTING House Bill 7969, giving residents of long-term care facilities the right to use electronic monitoring in their rooms

Dear Chair Donovan and Honorable Committee Members,

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 7969.

This bill gives the right of residents in long term care facilities, and their representatives, to oversee their own condition and care by installing a camera in their room. Although we hate the thought of loved ones being mistreated in care facilities, the reality is it does happen. Residents with dementia and communication difficulties are especially vulnerable in care facilities, as they are not able to advocate effectively for themselves, and when they do complain of mistreatment, their complaints are frequently dismissed. Because many residents and their loved ones are rightfully scared of abuse and neglect, the right to monitor their care and condition independently adds a level of safety and security that can help prevent or promptly respond to abuse and neglect.

I urge you to support H7969 and to grant Rhode Island's vulnerable long-term care residents and their representatives the right to oversee their care with electronic monitoring.

Thank you for the opportunity to express support for this bill.

Denise Riel

Sent from my iPad