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The Honorable Susan R. Donovan  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Health & Human Services  
State House, Room 315  
Providence, RI 02903

**Re: HB 7969: Electronic Monitoring in Nursing and Assisted Living Facilities**

Dear Chairwoman Donovan and Members of the House Health and Human Services Committee,

I write today to express support for HB 7969, sponsored by Representative Jason Knight, legislation that would permit the use of electronic monitoring in nursing and assisted living facilities. This is an important step in ensuring the safety, security and well-being of patients and dedicated staff at these facilities.

Assisted living facilities and nursing homes in Rhode Island often deal with complaints of physical, verbal, and sexual abuse from residents and their families. This program would allow residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and their legal representatives, the option of installing a monitoring device in their room (with consent of the patient or resident and any roommate). This legislation would provide residents, and their families, peace of mind that they receive proper and appropriate care, deter abuse, and could provide important evidence in the investigation of abuse.

Allowing electronic monitoring would allow for an additional avenue of accountability at these nursing and assisted living facilities and, in turn, protect one of Rhode Island's most vulnerable populations. For these reasons, I support this legislation and appreciate the Committee's consideration.

Sincerely,

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