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Subject: Support Intent and Recommendations to Amend Bill H-8204

Dear Honorable Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services,

I am writing on behalf of SEIU 1199NE to express our strong support for the intent behind Bill H-8204, introduced by Representative Dawson. This bill, aimed at increasing financial transparency within for-profit chain nursing homes, is a critical step toward ensuring these facilities are held accountable for their financial practices, particularly concerning the allocation of funds to related entities.

While we fully endorse the objectives of this legislation, which we had the opportunity to help draft, it has become evident through further review and consultation that the current language of the bill may not adequately achieve these goals. The language, as it stands, is too complex and could potentially obscure the very transparency we aim to ensure.

To address this, we are collaborating with a national group of attorneys specializing in nursing home financial practices. Our goal is to develop simplified, straightforward legislative language that precisely captures the bill's intended purpose. We believe that these revisions will make the bill more effective in uncovering and addressing the financial maneuvers that obscure the true use of funds within for-profit nursing home chains.

We plan to introduce this revised version of the bill in the next legislative session and are eager to work with the committee to refine and advance this essential piece of legislation. We appreciate the committee's willingness to consider these forthcoming modifications, which we believe will significantly enhance the bill's functionality and impact.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to continuing our work together to improve transparency and accountability in the nursing home industry, thereby better protecting both the residents and the dedicated caregivers who serve them.

Sincerely,

Alex Moore