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**To:** House Health and Human Services Committee; Rep. Donovan, Susan R; Sen. Lauria, Pamela J.  
**Subject:** House Bill #5169

Dear Chairwoman Donovan and Honorable Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of HB #5169, the Assisted Living Resident Empowerment Bill.

This bill is about transparency and adds valuable guardrails for older Rhode Islanders in assisted living facilities.

This bill requires:

- the reasonable support of family and resident councils in assisted living
- 120 days notice for fee/rate increases (in line with rent increase notice for residential tenants over 65)
- the disclosure of 3 years of historical rate increases in the residency agreement

Residents and their families are frequently surprised by new charges for things that were previously included in their monthly rate. This legislation would give residents time to prepare for additional monthly expenses and reduce the emotional toll brought on by these changes. I urge your support on HB #5169 for our older population and their families.

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