

Dear Chairwoman Donovan and Committee Members,

My name is Jim Kingston, a retired resident living in Providence RI, and I am writing in Support of bills H-5169 and 5170.

I am also writing in Opposition to bills H-5355 and 5356.

My support for H-5169 and 5170 is both personal and generic. I am fast approaching that age when my wife and I may begin considering assisted living arrangements and I believe that it is only the right thing to do to ensure for full transparency regarding services and costs. It is most likely a stressful time for the people directly involved as well as their families in choosing to move into assisted living and it is important that they know what it is they are agreeing to for the rest of their lives. It is equally important that those already in assisted living know exactly what that facility is promising to them and their families.

The family councils are important to both the individuals in assisted living as well as giving comfort to their family, loved ones and friends as a means to ensure that they are getting the services they expect.

It is important that our elders live out their lives with dignity and quality services and these bills would help to ensure that.

Regarding bills H-5355 and 5356, with our ever-increasing health care costs it is imperative that we do all that we can to limit those increases. These bills would do exactly the opposite.

Thank you for your consideration.