

House Health Care Committee

To whom it may concern:

Please protect dementia & Alzheimer's patients. Don't complete the process of updating advance directives without making sure legal protections for these vulnerable people are kept in place. Please vote no on HB 4135.

I had an aunt with Alzheimer's. We had a wonderful care home for her, and she spent many quality years there before passing peacefully. These precious people need to be protected and not thrown under the bus. Their lives are meaningful, even when and especially when, we can show them compassion and selfless care. We need them as much as they need us. How else can we truly learn to be merciful, if we destroy those from whom we would learn?

Sincerely,  
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