

People suffering from dementia--people like my great grandmother and the grandmothers of my close childhood friends--deserve to have their basic needs met, like food and water, for as long as their natural lives deem they are here on this earth. These people are not just insurance policy numbers, they are living, breathing humans who have done their part as school teachers, mothers, grandmothers, sisters, and friends, to contribute not just to the betterment of society, but to the betterment of other individual lives. There is not a single one of us that can guarantee that we won't also someday be in their shoes and need someone to look after us, to ensure that we are eating and drinking and physically kept from harm. This is why I implore you to ensure that Alzheimer and Dementia patients have continued legal protection. Vote "no" on HB 4135.

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