

These companies that are for profit, don't give a damn about the residents safety and well being. Paying minimum wage to people who work 70+ hours a week put the clients in danger. Medication mistakes can happen, abuse will happen, the clients are stuck and don't get a say in what happens to them. When I became a caregiver 10 years ago I vowed to treat my clients how I would want to be treated. Being in this field I have watched people not give a damn about the clients, putting them in harms way. Management who does nothing, because they don't want to deal with the issues. Management keeps people employed who have hurt clients because they don't have staff to help cover shifts. We employees are tired, exhausted and treated like garbage, just so the big people can earn that extra buck. I stay where I am in the position I am in because I care about my residents and want to give them the life they deserve, but even working 60-70 hours a week, I cannot afford my own apartment or to keep food on my table, the people who suffer are the clients and our families. Please when considering this bill, you will be helping those who don't have a voice, who can't speak up and say I need new clothes but can't afford because the for profit company I live in would rather have a new vacation home. Please put a stop to for profit companies not caring for their DD clients.