

I am writing to oppose HB 2638.

I was a caregiver at 4 long term care facilities, but quit because staff didn't treat residents well, mostly because they were overworked and under trained. Many caregivers would answer call bells by turning them off, leaving residents in their urine and feces soaked beds. Administrators would ignore complaints about resident neglect.

How much worse are facility conditions now that there is no oversight? Caregivers were told to cut corners before COVID-19. What are they being told to do now?

There are few consequences for neglect and abuse before COVID-19. Now you want to make sure there's none. What do you think will happen to residents if owners know there can be no consequences for their actions? People, our most vulnerable people, will die unnecessarily.