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TO: Chair Sara Gelsner Blouin, Vice Chair Art Robinson and Members of the Committee

Support for Senate bill 1556

In 2007 my father was 89, living with significant heart disease, and we had to put him in Hospice. My beloved mother had begun showing signs of dementia at 86 and at 89 she was becoming lost to another world. And they refused to leave their home.

Finding caregivers who were trusted by both my parents, myself, and my siblings was a nightmare at that time. We were very lucky to be able to pay care providers very well. Without that incentive I don't think we could have attracted such excellent help.

We would have loved to be able to access a registry that could give us confidence that applicants met all the requirements. For all of the above reasons I strongly support Senate bill 1556.

My best regards,
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