

I am writing in support of SB228 giving long term care residents and their representatives the right to create a family council and requiring the long-term care facility to support and participate.

Elders in care are some of our most vulnerable citizens.

Because of memory and cognitive decline, many are not able to advocate for themselves.

Many elders in care do not have local family, leaving the family uninformed about day-to-day operations, changes, concerns.

I believe a collaborative family council between facility administration, ombudsman, and resident families would lead to improved safety and wellbeing for the entire residential community.

Please help protect our elders by passing SB228

Thank you,

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