

I am writing in support of SB134 allowing residents of long term care the right to have a monitoring device or camera in their rooms.

Elders in care are some of Oregon's most vulnerable citizens and are often subject to abuse and neglect. This often goes unrecognized and unreported due to the resident's cognitive decline, inability to remember, inability to verbalize.

Besides monitoring for abuse, the camera may also give family members information they need to understand the resident's status, behaviors or needs. Family may be better able to support the resident and the facility staff with the additional information they glean from monitoring.

I believe the comprehensive conditions and restrictions in this bill are well defined to ensure resident dignity and privacy.

Please help protect our elders in care by passing SB134.

Thank you,

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