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TO: Senate Committee on Human Services

RE: SB 134 – Use of electronic monitoring devices in long-term care facilities

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 134, which would allow family members to place cameras or other electronic monitoring devices in the rooms of residents in Oregon's long-term care facilities. This important legislation provides families with an added layer of security and peace of mind, ensuring that their loved ones are treated with dignity and respect in these often vulnerable settings.

Family members often have limited ability to monitor the care and treatment their loved ones receive. SB 134 allows for an important safeguard, giving families the ability to monitor their loved ones' well-being while preserving the privacy and rights of the resident.

The use of electronic monitoring devices offers numerous benefits, including:

1. **Increased Transparency:** This legislation allows for more transparency in care practices, providing families with a direct way to observe the quality of care their loved ones are receiving.
2. **Promoting Accountability:** Electronic monitoring holds both caregivers and residents accountable, providing peace of mind to families that their loved ones are being treated properly and respectfully.
3. **Enhancing Communication:** This bill encourages open communication between families and facilities, allowing for a collaborative approach to care that benefits residents and ensures they are receiving the best possible treatment.

I urge you to support the passage of SB 134 to protect the dignity, rights, and safety of residents in long-term care facilities. The ability for family members to monitor their loved ones in a way that is both respectful and responsible will foster a more compassionate and secure care environment for all.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to seeing Oregon lead the way in ensuring the well-being of our most vulnerable citizens.

Sincerely,

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