

To Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice Chair Linthicum and Committee Members

I am writing to express my support for SB 134. My grandmother lived in a residential care facility in Oregon. I was lucky to live close to my grandmother, but so many other families live hundreds or even thousands of miles away. This bill, which establishes the right of a long term care facility, residential care facility or adult foster home to use an electronic monitoring device in the resident's room or private living unit is a critical step in ensuring the safety and well-being of our elderly and vulnerable populations. In many cases, residents in these facilities are unable to advocate for themselves, due to physical or cognitive constraints. Allowing electronic monitoring devices in these facilities would provide an additional layer of protection, offering peace of mind to families who may not be able to physically check in on their loved one.

This bill provides a path for family members to be engaged in their loved one's care and livelihood. It allows family members to advocate for their loved ones and ensure that their safety and quality of life are prioritized. The presence of electronic monitoring devices will create peace of mind and promote better communication between residents, families and facility staff alike.

This bill represents an absolutely necessary step forward in protecting vulnerable individuals. Please support this bill and take meaningful action to improve the safety and quality of life for those who depend on these facilities for care.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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