

Support of SB #134 Camera

As the daughter of a memory care resident with late-stage dementia, I support *The Eve Nelson and Virginia Baker Camera Act of 2025*. My mother has been living in a facility for nearly eight years and during that time, we've witnessed many caregivers come and go. We have experienced first hand the difficulty in retaining quality caregivers as the work is difficult, the hours long and the pay inadequate.

My mother is non-verbal and mostly bed bound. She is completely dependent upon others for one hundred percent of her care. I see the camera as a valuable tool to help me keep tabs on mom and report anything that seems out of the ordinary. One example is when mom fell out of bed for the first time and broke a rib. Since then, a mat has been placed beside her bed so if she falls, she will experience a softer landing. I'd love to say that the mat is there all the time, but truth be told, on occasion there have been misses. A simple phone call on my part can prevent my mother from breaking another rib or hip and a hospital visit. At 89 years old and 78 pounds, she needs the lifesaving cushion in place.

I regard the camera in the room as a vital tool that helps the caregiver, the cared for, and their families. It allows for another set of eyes to monitor and affords peace of mind. Given the difficult work these amazing caregivers provide for their residents, and the frail nature of our loved ones, I believe this is a simple solution that benefits all.

Thank you,
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