1208 N. Coach House Wichita, KS 67235 May 18, 2020

Re: Nursing Home Limitations

Dear Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to ask that immediate family members be allowed to visit in person their loved ones in nursing/assisted living facilities. It has been six weeks since my sister and I have been able to be with our mother who is a resident of Wheatlands Health Care in Kingman, Kansas, for 15 years. One of us, along with my brother, have been with her every single day. We understand the early stringent limitations placed upon family members when the virus was initially contracted but now that it has been almost two months, we feel that it is time for immediate family members to be able to go into the nursing home or at least, be with them outside in the patio areas, with protective masks, etc., for whatever time limitation the authority of the nursing home deems all right.

Please take these concerns into consideration and allow family members to do this as we are dealing with a great deal of depression, anxiety and frankly, not understanding from the residents. If we could relay this information to them **in person** and not by a telephone, I am sure they would have a better grasp on the current situation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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