

**Madame Chair and/or Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee;**

**My name is Katherine Fabi and I am from Rocky Hill.**

**I wholeheartedly support the proposed SENATE BILL, No. 115 AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR RESIDENTIAL NURSING FACILITIES SERVING INMATES AND MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS.**

**My family and I are part of a group of unfortunate residents that have found ourselves in the midst of this unfolding nightmare. We live right next to the “nursing home” set to open for operation any day in Rocky Hill. This facility is in the middle of one of the most densely populated residential neighborhoods in town; within just a few feet of homes with small children (including my own) with nothing but a standard chain link fence separating us. Security (or lack thereof) is going to be provided by a private security company, and not officers specially trained to deal with criminals or the mentally ill. I strongly believe this is a recipe for disaster on so many levels. With untrained or minimally trained staff, how can any of us feel confident that they will know how to properly handle an incident when one arises? Not only does their lack of training impact the safety of the surrounding residents but also the safety of their own staff and ultimately the “patients” as well. I’m stunned that Governor Malloy, or anyone else thinks that putting nearly 100 criminals and mentally ill individuals together in one facility with an unqualified staff in a neighborhood full of families is a good idea.**

**My main concerns are how a facility such as this would impact public safety, including putting a strain on a small towns emergency personnel and services as well as the impact it will (and already has) on the quality of life of neighboring residents.**

**There are several places in the state better suited for this purpose. Public safety needs to be your main concern.**

**Thank you.**