

CT Association of Residential Care Homes

Testimony of
Sonja Zandri, owner of Brookside Rest Home, Danbury
in opposition to

S.B. No. 897 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FAIR RENT FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES.

Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie and members of the Committee, my name is Sonja Zandri, past 2x president and now a board-member of the Connecticut Association of Residential Care Homes. I am sending Testimony in strong opposition to SB 897- AN ACT CONCERNING FAIR RENT FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES.

This Bill would bring hardship on all RCH.

I am at min. rate. This will let keep up with all the repairs. You start cutting this on top of all the years you have frozen our rates we will have to close.

I love what I do, have done it for 40 years. My daughter now runs Brookside and I still do all the finical end of it.

We have seriously considered closing after the rate freeze.

We have great staff losing their jobs would be a great hardship since their spouse lost theirs.

We had to cut back on some of their benefits like health Ins.

They had no raise in 4 years.

Cost have gone up, Food Insurance, Heat, electric etc.

Saving money on the back of RCH is not the way to go.

I hope you take this serious and vote **no**

Brookside has a rate of \$73.72 daily or \$2242.32 a month

This is in Fairfield County.

We take care of elderly, mentally ill and disabled.

We do a good job.

Sincerely Sonja Zandri

Any questions 203-740-0488

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