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H.B.5358 An Act Establishing a Bill of Rights for Residents of
Continuing-Care Retirement Communities.

Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie and distinguished members of the Human Services Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on H.B.5358 *An Act Establishing a Bill of Rights for Residents of Continuing-Care Retirement Communities.*

My name is Kate Waterman. I live at StoneRidge, a CCRC in Mystic. I don't think I look particularly vulnerable standing up here, but, I am 84 years old, that alone is enough to feel pretty vulnerable! I have been a good citizen, personally responsible, and diligent about saving for my retirement.

I and over 6000 of your constituents throughout the state are Independent Residents of a CCRC - a Continuing Care Residential Community. Unlike resident in Nursing Homes, and Assisted Living, we and our resources have no protection under the law. Without your support of this legislation we are *all* very vulnerable indeed.

I urge each and every one of you personally, to support this bill HB 5358 and to oversee its passage.

Thank you Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie and Committee members for the opportunity to present testimony.