

**Testimony in support of:  
SB-1057:AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOMES.**

**Submitted by:  
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Dear Honorable Chairpersons Abercrombie and Moore, Ranking Members Berthel and Case, Vice Chairs Lesser and Garibay, and all other Members of the Human Services Committee,

My name is **Jodi Steeves** and I live in **Wallingford** I am writing to express my strong support for *SB-1056: An Act Concerning Nursing Homes*. I believe substitute language is needed though to include the social work profession as part of this bill.

I feel it important to establish a minimum staffing level for social workers in a nursing home to ensure best quality of care for the individuals receiving services. For every social worker to have a client base of 120 people it limits the amount time available to each person drastically. If we were to cut that number in half and limit the ratio to 60 per social worker then we could double the amount of time allotted for each client. This time is essential in identifying resources and needs of the client. The social worker is a front line worker and one of the most important contact points of nursing home patients to have because they are responsible for educating the patient and family on those much needed resources and can help advocate for resources that might not currently be available.

The social worker who helped my dad while my grandmother was in a nursing home was a blessing. She was able to give us information on resources that we never even knew about and helped walk us through the entire process. This helped to ease the families stress, worries and anxiety that came along with this process.

I strongly support the *SB-1056: An Act Concerning Nursing Homes* and urge you to favorably vote the bill out of the Human Services Committee.

With respect and gratitude for your service and consideration,

**Jodi Steeves**  
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