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To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly support SB 975. Despite a public emergency, there should be at minimum an essential caregiver allowed to be with each resident if, prior to the emergency, they visited the resident at least once a week. I far surpassed that requirement myself - I came in 3-6 times a day 7 days a week to help my mom eat and drink and do her daily care (dressing, moisturizing, brushing teeth, washing, toileting) and looked in the window 3 times a day during the past year and tried to advocate that way but she still died of dehydration and pressure sore and unchecked high blood sugar last month. She never stopped asking for me and she needed 24 hour care so I didn't bring her home. The care at the home wasn't top notch, but as long as I was in there doing her care, she was all right. Please don't let residents and their families suffer any longer.

Thank you,

Irma Rappaport