

Hello All and Happy New Year!!

Thank you so much for your work on the LTC working group to address the needs of people living in LTC in Connecticut. While the need to shut down visitation at LTC facilities back in March was almost understandable, we have learned much more since that time; specifically the devastating consequences of social isolation and loneliness. By some reports, there have been upwards of 50,000 additional deaths in LTC facilities NOT from covid-19 but from despair. It is time to honestly and seriously address the unintended consequence of the lockOUT. I use that term because we have all been locked-out of the nursing homes. The need for Connecticut to join many other states in creating an Essential Caregiver policy is long overdue. Please do not bury your heads in the sand any longer. The lives and wellbeing of the most fragile rest in your hands. Do the right thing and implore the governor to create an immediate Executive Order establishing Essential Caregivers for this vulnerable population.

Sincerely,  
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