

November 03, 2020

RE: Bill 218

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Liza Salvador, and I am writing on behalf of myself and my siblings about the death of our mother, Pilar Salvador. Pilar was a resident of Orchard Villa from April 2017 and died from complications of COVID-19 on April 20, 2020.

Throughout her stay our family became aware of many red flags and the insufficient care of Pilar at Orchard Villa. The inadequate system became more apparent during the initial stages of the lockdown. Orchard Villa was poorly run and incredibly unprepared and failed to implement proper safety measures to protect their most vulnerable residents and staff.

The Ministry should be held accountable for decisions and policies implemented that govern long-term care. Bill 218 not only allows but also enables systemic murder of the most vulnerable populations, the anchors of our families.

I sincerely hope that you would consider the voices of my families and all others impacted by the broken system.

We lost our mother and the matriarch of our family. We were not able to say our proper goodbyes or be with her in her final hours. Our family is in pain as many other families are. This all should not happen in vain, and we can learn from this experience to improve our system for the future of our community.

We hope for your continued health and safety.

Sincerely,

Liza Salvador

