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Dear ministers,

My father, Vincenzo Marra, was a vibrant person, and due to the inability of woodbridge vista to properly maintain, train, and support their staff, my father passed away from malnutrition and dehydration. on 4

occasions in the last week of his life I spoke to the floor (charge nurse) and begged her to make sure my father was getting proper nutrition, they ignored me and even hung up on me when I was trying to check up on him. In my conversations with him, on the telephone, he told me that they were leaving him in bed for days at a time, or in his wheelchair for days at a time. It is the responsibility of the long term care facility to provide exactly that, care. In many cases they have failed to do so, they failed to provide a service, a care, which they imply to do in their advertising, submission and admissions, and were still being paid a fee for their service and care. In my fathers case, Woodbridge Vista kept telling us that my father was testing negative, I don't know how they could say this since my father was not tested until May 28, and yes he was negative, but they advised us that he had been tested three (3) times by that point, and in fact he was not. On June 2nd, he was sent to hospital as a suspected covid, in my opinion this was simply to cover their tracks. we had requested that my father be sent to hospital at approximately 11am, and according to EMS record, they were not contacted until after 4pm to pick my father up. how is this not negligent ? how is misinforming EMS not being negligent ? my father passed on June 2nd, the nurse at the hospital informed me that my fathers organs, lungs had shut down due to malnutrition and dehydration. the hospital tested my father and on June 3rd his results showed to signs of Covid, this is a matter of public record. , If you allow this bill to pass you are condoning the abysmal care and the neglect provided by Woodbridge Vista. the long term care facilities decimated our loved ones when they needed protection the most. the government closed the facilities to loved ones, and by doing so we could not make sure that our loved ones, our fathers, mothers, grandparents, spouses were being properly taken care of. by closing the facilities to loved ones the government allowed the long term care facilities to operate carte blanche, and in a money making operation, care is the last thing they were concerned about, it was all about the bottom line, the almighty dollar. should you pass this bill you are basically telling the public that it is ok to not provide care, and that money is more important then human life. what Woodbridge Vista did was negligent, and this proposed bill is a gross injustice to senior citizens and to their families. The residents of this long term care facility had value, and first and foremost, they were human, vulnerable human beings. this bill discards them as victims of covid. they were not victims of covid, they were victims of negligence, and of a company that places a dollar value on human life. my father was a resident of woodbridge vista for close to 5 years, and over those five (5) years I witnessed several cases of abuse and negligence, the only thing covid did was bring the lack of responsibility, lack of care, and a complete disregard for these vulnerable people to the forefront. I valued my father's conversations as did his grandsons and we strongly oppose the government protecting this long term care facility. To ensure that this does not happen again, the class action and any such action against Woodbridge Vista or any other home responsible for the loss of human life should be permitted and supported by the Federal and Provincial governments as well as the justice system. Not all long term care facilities were decimated by the Covid pandemic, and the ones that were should be held accountable and not use Covid as an excuse for their neglect.

thank you

Luigi Marra