

In Support of SB303
March 27, 2021
Leoti, KS
Senate District #39

Mr. Chairman and Members of the committee,

I'm writing today to support SB303.
This is my personal testimony:

My husband is 70 years old and in LTC for two years because he has struggled with Multiple Sclerosis for 35 years and is now in a wheelchair full time. It is hard enough for him to be in LTC but when the facility was trying to follow CDC/KDHE guidelines keeping me away from my husband months at a time was devastating to him. His only thing to look forward to daily was my visit. When that was taken away he became depressed and agitated.

I also know when I am not allowed to be in the facility to see firsthand what is going on physically with my husband and to be able to be an advocate for him with the staff things get overlooked. The family sees things the staff doesn't notice.

This is a very dangerous precedent for the government agencies to make these demands on our local facilities threatening them that they won't receive state money if they don't do what the say.

When we put our loved ones in LTC we did NOT sign away our rights as United States citizens to the government!! This should never happen again to separate and refuse to allow me to go in and help my husband.

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