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Senator Patricia D. Jehlen  
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Representative Thomas M. Stanley  
Chair, Joint Committee on Aging and  
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Dear Chair's Jehlen and Stanley,

Thank you for your leadership of the Joint Committee on Aging and Independence. I write to you today in support of my bill, **S.3056**, *An Act relative to medication administration in rest homes*, and to respectfully request the bill is reported favorably from committee at the earliest convenience.

This bill was filed in response to the overwhelming concerns with the proposed Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) amendments to the long-term care facility regulations. DPH has proposed language that would prohibit Responsible Persons (RP) from administering medication at Level IV (Rest Home) facilities. This proposal is worrisome as rest homes have been safely employing RPs to administer medications to residents who cannot self-administer their medications for several decades.

Specifically, this model was operationalized by DPH in the long-term care facility regulation at 105 CMR 150.008(C). DPH has continued to support and permit this practice through several amendments to the regulation, despite there being no statutory authority for this practice. I filed **S.3056**, *An Act relative to medication administration in rest homes*, to direct the Commissioner of DPH to establish regulations to continue the practice of having trained rest home staff to administer medications ensuring residents receive timely and consistent care. The Commonwealth simply cannot afford to be losing facilities that are caring for some of our most vulnerable.

Over the last several years, the legislature has taken steps to solidify the financial footing of rest homes to improve quality-of-care and prevent additional closures. However, the proposed regulation change from DPH would severely undermine those efforts and force rest homes to

dramatically change their staffing models, leading to significant cost increases and additional facility closures without increased financial support.

Therefore, I respectfully request the Committee report **S.3056**, *An Act relative to medication administration in rest homes*, favorably from committee at the earliest convenience. Thank you again for your leadership. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the legislation further, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or a member of my staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael O. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "O".

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