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Dear Nevada Assemblymember,

My name is Jodi Collins. I support AB368 allowing cameras in certain health care facilities. More specifically I hope they will be allowed in supported living arrangements. I am the parent and guardian of André Collins. André is 29 years old, has cerebral palsy, is profoundly deaf, and uses an electric wheelchair.

Andre moved into his own apartment last year with the assistance of Medicaid Waivers through Desert Regional Center (DRC). My son has lived in our home with multiple cameras, since 2007, so when he moved into his apartment, he wanted cameras there as well. DRC told us that cameras were not allowed because it would be a rights restriction. Meaning Andre had the right to live in an apartment without cameras. When Andre told them that he wanted the cameras he was told that it was a privacy issue due to having 24-hour caregivers. I believe that it is essential for the vulnerable population, such as my son, to have cameras. People such as those with disabilities, the elderly, the nonverbal, and memory care individuals often are unable to express the mental, physical, and verbal abuse they may endure when being cared for. I believe cameras would be an extra layer of insurance for the clients or patients and the staff. If there's any kind of accusations made on either side, the cameras can be used to see what happened.

Unfortunately, I know this from experience, because my son has had two incidences of staff falling asleep during caring for him. When Andre still lived at home, a caregiver at fell asleep for two hours. My son was tapping the caregiver on the leg for several minutes and the caregiver never woke up. The care company requested I view the footage and let them know how long the caregiver was asleep. In August 2024 this same caregiver was arrested during an undercover operation for "luring a minor with a computer to engage in sex" (see attached). I immediately contacted LVMPD to let them know that this man had been working for a home care agency and working with my son only months before. I can only pray that my son was not abused by this individual in any way.

In another instance, while he was living in his apartment, a caregiver fell asleep for six hours. My son climbed out of bed and was sitting on the floor for several hours unattended. The caregiver lied about what time Andre got up and where he was when she went into his room. She was removed from caring for my son.

The 1999 landmark Supreme Court case of Olmstead v. L.C. established that the least restrictive community integrated setting for those with disabilities is a right. We knew that it was important to allow André his independence. André was very adamant that he wanted to live alone and he wanted cameras. I hope that you will support AB368 to include cameras for all vulnerable individuals who may not be able to speak out.

Thank you for your time,

Jodi Collins

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André in his apartment

