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Re: Support for HB17

Diana Castillo, for Julia Castillo my mother who lives at 1045 Lottsford Road, Mitchellville , Maryland

My mother is in Independent living at a CCRC in Bowie (Collington) and as a result of current closure rules she cannot participate in any meals or any other activities with people at her CCRC. She cannot have visitors indoors (only outdoors in the freezing cold). She is 93 and fragile and cannot be expected to sit outside without damaging her health. Also she needs a special diet and as a result of the lockdown rules is being given the same food which they bring to her which everyone eats so she is not able to eat half of it. The isolation that seniors such as my mother are being subjected to is inhuman and cannot be good for their health. Supposedly these rules are to protect the elderly yet they are being made to suffer the most. She is allowed to be taken out of her place but the reason she is there is she needs a bathroom and living setup in which she can navigate on her own and that is not easily attainable when she visits us at our homes. On top of that she has been given the vaccine, yet she has not been told that as a result of the vaccine she will be allowed to have her family. Visit her indoors again and or resume normal activities with other people who live there. Please resend these rules and allow my mother and other people who are supposed to be enjoying their golden years to be in the company of loved ones.

Thank you,  
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