



The Dignity Dozen -Legislative Candidate’s Response

To inform older adults, persons with disabilities, family members, and caregivers about legislative candidates’ positions on issues of interest, Dignity Alliance Massachusetts (DignityMA) has prepared [The Dignity Dozen](#), twelve questions regarding key issues and proposals. **The text for the Dignity Dozen questions is located at [Questions](#).**

Candidate’s name	Carmine Lawrence Gentile
Office sought	13th Middlesex House District
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1. Experience with long-term services	I looked after an older adult who received home care services three times a week for several years before she passed. We were very fortunate to have a very capable and caring home care aide. I looked after another adult who was in a nursing home for many years and on dialysis. She received very good care.
2. Personal needs allowance	Yes, up to \$160
3. “Small house” development	Yes
4. Long-term care reform	Yes
5. Home care support	Yes
6. Transparent ownership	Yes
7. Pandemic funds audit	Yes
8. Nursing home resident rights	Yes
9. Anti-bullying	Yes
10. Anti-psychotic medications	Yes
11. Minimum staffing	No position
12. Enhanced surveying	Yes
Other comments	Nursing homes need higher Medicaid payments to cover their costs. I have fought successfully for two wage increases for home health and home care workers. However, legislation I have sponsored to force the state to review their compensation at least every two years has failed to pass despite the fact that existing law requires workers performing similar services in nursing homes

	have their wages and benefits reconsidered biannually.
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