



## 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	<b>Patricia D Jehlen</b>
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1. Experience with long-term services	My father took care of my mother for the 25 years of her deepening Parkinsons. I became his caregiver when he fell, got leg contractions, couldn't walk. He was also developing dementia. He moved into assisted living, where I visited weekly. He was uncomplaining but disengaged and declining. He had several private pay CNAs over that time, with varying quality. The last one was particularly outstanding and 15 years later we are still occasionally in touch. The ALR started to evict him after a couple of years because they said he needed 24 hour CNA care. He was planning to move to the Somerville VNA, but died the week before.
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	Yes
12. Enhanced surveying	Yes

Other comments	I support some things like \$160 PNA that are unlikely soon; whatever increase we can get should include inflation adjustment. I am cautious about the auditor's involvement, but it might be great. I already get the Dignity Digest for which I thank you.
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