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<p>DignityMA Zoom Sessions</p>	<p>Dignity Alliance Massachusetts participants meet via Zoom every other Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Sessions are open to all. To receive session notices with agenda and Zoom links, please send a request via info@DignityAllianceMA.org.</p>
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<p>Quotes</p>	<p><i>I am not confined to a wheelchair; I am liberated by one.</i></p> <p>Penelope Ann Shaw, <i>Liberated by a Wheelchair</i>, Liberated by a Wheelchair (Disability Issues, Winter 2026)</p> <p><i>The tax rules for partnerships were created in the 1950s, when such vehicles were used to operate, say, family grocery stores — not multibillion-dollar investment vehicles with partners across the globe. Business activity has moved increasingly from traditional corporations to partnerships — or “pass-throughs.”</i></p>

Profits reported by partnerships exploded to \$2.6 trillion by 2022, from \$267 billion in 2000, the most recent I.R.S. data shows. Profits reported by traditional corporations grew at about half that pace. But the I.R.S. failed to keep up.

[Push to Audit Private Equity and Venture Capital Falters Under Trump](#) (*New York Times, January 8, 2026)

“This is a hospital that’s supposed to be for the community, and it does not feel safe. This is supposed to be a healing space. This is supposed to feel like a space where I should feel safe. This is my place of work, and it 100% does not feel that way.”

Veronica Velasquez, a physical therapist at a California hospital, who has been granted temporary protection under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (Daca) program, [Many Filipino healthcare workers in the US live in fear of ICE: ‘This is my place of work. I should feel safe’](#) (The Guardian, December 29, 2025)

“Most of the caregivers who are here, we are not here to harm America. We are a help in this country.”

Bella, a 57 year-old Philipina undocumented health care worker, [Many Filipino healthcare workers in the US live in fear of ICE: ‘This is my place of work. I should feel safe’](#) (The Guardian, December 29, 2025)

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The Promise America Broke — and the People Paying the Price

By Richard T. Moore

Summary:

The United States has abandoned the landmark 1987 federal nursing home reform law intended to guarantee safety, dignity, and respect for older adults. There has been a systemic “drift” from these protections, highlighting how the 1965 creation of Medicare and Medicaid transformed small community-run homes into a booming, profit-driven industry characterized by an “institutional bias” that prioritizes occupancy over quality of life. Today, this crisis is compounded by the repeal of meaningful staffing standards, an exhausted and underpaid workforce, and financial “shell games” that allow large chains to extract profits while claiming they cannot afford adequate care. Furthermore, public policies have been frozen —such as the Personal Needs Allowance that has remained at \$30 since 1987—which force residents into poverty and strip them of

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their dignity. Ultimately, a renewed commitment to accountability and enforcement is necessary to ensure that the promise of a humane long-term care system is finally fulfilled. Full text at <https://tinyurl.com/PromiseAmericaBroke>

[What I Wish the Governor Would Say in Her State of the Commonwealth Address — But Probably Won't](#)

By Richard T. Moore

Summary:

Governor Maura Healey should use her State of the Commonwealth Address to champion a bold transformation of the long-term care system, moving away from a model that prioritizes profit over human dignity. The current "quiet crisis" of understaffing and high turnover is a policy choice rather than an inevitability, and I propose a five-pillar blueprint for reform:

- implementing enforceable statutory staffing ratios
- ensuring financial transparency regarding related-party deals
- investing in a professionalized workforce through better wages and training
- piloting small-home care models
- launching a real-time public quality dashboard.

While acknowledging that the Governor may hesitate to confront powerful industry interests or the "uncomfortable truths" about the system's design, Massachusetts—a traditional leader in social justice—must act because the residents and workers in these facilities deserve a system built for dignity rather than mere survival.

Full text at: <https://tinyurl.com/CommonwealthAddress>

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[Liberated by a Wheelchair](#)

by Penelope Ann Shaw

Disability Issues

Winter 2026

Living with Guillain-Barre syndrome poses challenges. Not just physically but also maintaining my quality of life. In several places I have read the phrase "confined to a wheelchair." I personally find the phrase concerning as, in my case, my electric wheelchair liberates me, giving me a quality life I thought I'd lost completely

My story began in 2001 when I fell several times on sidewalks and couldn't get up unassisted. Taken to a hospital, I developed paralysis that even affected my ability to breathe on my own. I was put on a trach and a feeding tube. In 2006 I was decannulated – the trach was removed – and the process of seeing if I could use a wheelchair began. The PT I worked with had me try out a loaner chair, which



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This commentary was originally published in the winter 2026 edition of **Disability Issues**.

was successful, so she went to Medicare and Medicaid for approval to have a chair built with the right specifications.

Living in a nursing home, I was given "outdoor privileges," meaning I have the right to leave the facility and return whenever I want, and can go wherever I choose. Although I no longer have the life I led before becoming paralyzed, I have a rich life that I could not have had without my wheelchair. This includes living near many beneficial places. Our town hall, post office, and public library where I use computers and which has a book sale area where I can buy used books for only \$1.

There are more than 50 stores and services in my neighborhood. A supermarket, hardware store, arts and crafts store. At the general merchandise store I buy clothing, bedding, backpacks, bags to use as organizers for my belongings. At the pharmacy, I shop for items including body wash, lens wipes, and toothbrushes. There are some neighborhood businesses that I do not shop at, including a game store, a mattress store, an antiques store, a home furnishings store, and the lumber yard.

There are also three churches of different denominations to choose from. Nearby, there is an amazing variety of restaurants including American, Chinese, Vietnamese, pizza, and a McDonald's. Various services are also available, such as dental care, nails and spa services, hair salons, massage parlors, and computer, legal and insurance offices. Personally, I only use the nails and spa services.

When in season, I go to our local farmers market where I buy fresh fruit and vegetables for my caregivers. For myself, I have bought crafts made in Uganda including wallets and small pouches. This opportunity is organized by an organization, Project Have Hope. The sale of these crafts benefits poor women in Uganda by giving them an income to help their families from work they can do at home.

For longer trips, accessible transportation can take me to a mall with over 200 retailers, dining, and entertainment options. I can also go to the Braintree Elder Affairs Senior Center, which offers a wide range of activities such as art, games, a book club, fitness classes, meals, support groups, transportation to appointments or shopping, personal care services, outings, legal advice, and medical equipment loans. I can meet all my needs close to where I live, so I don't go to these two locations.

I am fortunate to live in the historic town of Braintree, MA, where the American Revolution against British rule began. Our Historic District

includes Hancock Street, named for John Hancock, the first signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Washington Street, named for George Washington, the commanding general of the Continental Army who led the defeat of the British and later became the nation's first president because of his service. Both men were from Braintree.

This district also includes several stone monuments with carvings, one of which reads, "This Mall is dedicated to the Veterans of Braintree who served their country with honor." The monuments list the names of Braintree residents who served in various wars, including the Spanish-American War, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Afghanistan. Another monument reads, "In honor, gratitude, and remembrance of the men and women whose names are carved into stone here. They served to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy. Dying, they triumphed."

Braintree's town center includes two historic homes: the Thayer House, built in 1720 and the birthplace of Sylvanus Thayer, the first commandant of West Point, and the French House, built in 1699 and home to the nation's first postmaster. The streetlights in the town center display red, white, and blue "Braintree, MA Town Hero" banners featuring photos of local veterans, their branch of service and role, and the sponsoring family or organization. Because of this historic district, I have learned a great deal about American history.

In closing, I want to emphasize that my electric wheelchair liberates me. The benefits are numerous. Without it, I would be confined to bed and at risk for getting pressure sores. Unfortunately, when it's raining, I cannot go out. On days when I must stay inside, my wheelchair allows me to stay active by talking with staff and visitors, using the resident computer to check email, do research and send messages. I also have the option of hearing a musician play or watch a movie. While I remain ever aware of what I can no longer do because of my paralysis, my wheelchair does not confine me—it gives me freedom of movement and a full, rich life.

I am not confined to a wheelchair; I am liberated by one.

Recruitment

See: [Listings on MASsterList.com's Job Board](#) for all current listings

Poetry by DignityMA
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Sandy Novack is a member of DignityMA's Coordinating Committee. This poem was originally published in the winter 2026 edition of [Disability Issues](#).

Catalog Dreams
By Sandy Alissa Novack

She reads retail store catalogs
Like the hungry read recipes.
She has no money to buy two hundred dollar dresses, and
They have no money to buy the recipes' ingredients.
Their stomachs aren't full after reading recipes, but
Their spirits are full of hope that
Some day, some day,
They may still get to go to a grocery store again
Rather than the church's food pantry.

The mailman must think it queer that
Someone living in a dilapidated apartment building
Gets catalog after catalog delivered to her,
With upscale store names.
All he needs to know is that
Thieves stick their arms into unlocked mail boxes,
Looking for cash
And trash her catalogs.

She uses a reach and grab tool to try to see
Which catalogs she can pick up from the thieves' latest rampage.
Then she turns around,
Clutching precious catalogs to her chest,
Puts them in a tote bag,
And heads back to the unforgiving staircase.

One stair at a time,
She heads up multiple flights of stairs
With one hand gripping the railing
While the tote bag in the crook of her arm flings into the railing.
The other hand holds tightly to her cane as she puts her weight on
one leg
And pushes off with the cane to make it to the next step.
At the landing, she stops to catch her breath, and
She tries to wiggle the fingers of the hand gripping the cane,
To get the circulation going
Before the next flight of stairs.

The college students in Apartment 4D come running down the stairs,
and
She flattens herself against the landing wall so
They don't knock her over
This time.
But they did knock off her arm her tote bag,
Sending at least two catalogs sprawling
To the bottom of the previous landing.
The college boys don't stop to retrieve her catalogs

Nor to help her up the rest of the stairs.

She has a choice:

Continue up the stairs to her unit,
Or turn around and go back down and
With her reach and grab tool
Recover her dream catalogs.

It is all she has to dream about these days, and
She can't bear to think about returning to
Her dingy unit without her mail.
She moves the cane to her other arm, and
The semi-empty tote as well, and
With her other arm she grabs the railing
To go back down where she has already been
To retrieve the mail yet again on the ground.

This arm now gripping the railing is her weaker arm,
She has little strength.
Before taking a step,
The thought crosses her mind that she could
Let go
And maybe in that way land in a tumult amidst her dream catalogs.

Some day, that is perhaps what will happen
As she grows weaker still
But not today.
Today she will summon every cell of her 90-pound body to go
One step at a time
One step more
One step yet more
Back down the stairs.
The lights have not gone on yet in the common areas,
But by the time she went back down the stairs,
Used her reacher/grabber to save herself from bending, and
Picked up the wayward catalogs,
Turned herself around and started back up the stairs
One stair
After one stair
After more stairs,
Little light was showing through the grimy staircase windows.

She had gone downstairs to get her mail at 2:00 p.m.,
After a small lunch of white toast, strawberry jam
And a cup of black tea.
It was now 5:00 p.m., and she reached for the light switch
As soon as she unlocked her apartment door.
A few steps more and
She closed and locked the door,
Resting her body against the door

As if to announce to her apartment
"I made it back up the stairs,
Today."

Off comes the sweater
She had thrown on to go get the mail.
Moths had eaten holes in a few places
But it was still the warmest sweater she had.
She moved into the kitchen,
Taking the catalogs out of her tote bag and
Placing them firmly on the kitchen table in front of her place setting.
They will be the dinner salad, the entree, and the dessert.
She had no money to buy food
Until her Social Security check came in a few days.
But she washed her hands,
Put on another kettle of water for plain House tea,
Also known as just hot water,
And despite the loud alarm of a car's security system
Out in front of her building,
A tired, life-worn, disabled woman of indiscriminate years
Entered the alternate universe of retail catalogs on fashion.

With a sip of House tea here and
A sip of House tea there,
Hours passed.
No radio.
No TV.
No one called her on the phone.
Just her and beautiful women with dewy skin,
Romping by the ocean,
Strolling in a park,
Wearing outfits that cost more than her monthly rent.

She didn't miss a detail:
Not the high heels and thin legs of the model
When she wore orthopedic shoes and
Her long skirt covered spider veins and swollen legs.
Not the even and well-behaved eyebrows to match
The lush head of curls on their heads
When she lost her eyebrows with age and
Hadn't had a hair cut in a salon for years and years.

She brushed her fingers over a sweater
With a stunning floral print,
And let her fingers linger on it,
As if she were touching a true sweater,
Or as if she were inhaling a bouquet of real flowers.
The advertisers gave the colors such names!
Nothing was "blue" or "red."
They were selling a feeling:

	<p>“Navy Batik Floral” and “Red Poppy Floral.” They wanted \$99 each for a merino cardigan of those colors. She knew it would be the Navy Batik Floral for her, and She squinted her eyes as she tried to picture How elegant she might look in it.</p> <p>Just a snap shot in time Of one of her catalog dreaming hours.</p>
<p>Reports</p>	<p>Assisted Living Residences (ALR) Commission <u>Massachusetts Assisted Living Residences (ALR) Commission Final Report</u> Established by Section 32 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024 (https://tinyurl.com/Chap197ofActsof2024) January 12, 2026</p> <p>The Commission’s Key Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about ALRs can be confusing. Disclosure statements vary significantly across ALRs, making it difficult for families to compare options and understand costs, services, and rights. • Residents and families are often unaware how costs increase as care needs evolve, or when an ALR can no longer safely meet a Resident’s needs. • Families cannot easily access compliance or incident data; current reliance on public records requests limits accountability and informed choice. • Staffing and leadership is critical to ensuring resident safety, wellbeing, and quality of life. Staffing levels and practices vary widely across providers, creating inconsistencies in care and supports. • The Gabriel House fire underscored the urgent need for stronger fire and emergency preparedness standards. • ALRs remain unaffordable for many; pathways for lower-income residents are fragmented and difficult to navigate. <p>6 Key Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standardize Disclosures to Improve Informed Decision-Making • Clarify Assessments, Services and Costs as Needs Change • Improve Accessibility of Public Information, Transparency & Accountability • Strengthen Staffing & Promote Resident Voice • Bolster Emergency Preparedness & Safety • Establish an ALR Affordability Task Force <p>Full Report at https://www.mass.gov/doc/alr-commission-final-report/download</p>
<p>Testimony</p>	<p>Massachusetts Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) <u>New Nursing Home Disclosure Requirements per Chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024</u> January 8, 2026 Public Hearing Summary of testimony submitted by DignityMA. Dignity Alliance Massachusetts urges CHIA to adopt the following in the final regulations:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory Audited Financials: Require standardized audits of parent entities and management companies. • Public Transparency: Make ownership and related-party data accessible in public "flat files" for advocates and researchers. • Quality Linkage: Correlate financial extraction patterns with staffing levels and complaint rates. • Sanctions that "Follow the Money": Implement penalties that reach upstream parent entities rather than just the licensed facility, ensuring that fines are not simply treated as a "cost of doing business".
<p>Webinars and Online Sessions</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <p>1. Long Term Care Community Coalition Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. <u>Spotlight on Oversight: Resident Falls and Poorly Performing Facilities.</u> In this webinar, teams from the HHS Office of Inspector General will discuss two critical reports: one revealing that nursing homes failed to report 43% of resident falls with major injury and hospitalization, and another examining trends and outcomes in the Special Focus Facility Program for the nation's lowest-performing nursing homes. Presenters will share what the findings mean for residents and walk through key methodological and research considerations of interest to attorneys, advocates, and researchers.</p> <p>2. U.S. Census Bureau Thursday, January 22, 2026, 1:00 p.m. <u>Prerelease webinar about the 2020-2024 American Community Survey</u> The webinar will explain how to access ACS data and give tips on comparing geographies and statistics over time. The <u>ACS</u> provides a wide range of statistics about the nation's people and housing, such as language spoken at home, education, commuting, employment, mortgage status and rent, income, poverty, and health insurance coverage. It is the only source of local estimates for most of the <u>40-plus topics</u> it covers. Statistics will be available to embargo subscribers beginning Jan. 27, at 10 a.m. ET for a variety of geographic areas, including all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, congressional and state legislative districts, metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas, counties, places, and other geographies down to census tracts and block groups.</p> <p>3. Justice in Aging Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. <u>LGBTQ+ Older Adults: Updates and Emerging Threats</u> LGBTQ+ older adults face many barriers in accessing the health, economic, and legal services they need to age with dignity. Unfortunately, since taking office in 2025, the administration has unleashed a new round of attacks on the LGBTQ+ community, including older adults, rolling back their civil rights, and rendering them invisible through policy while unleashing hateful rhetoric. These attacks will only exacerbate the existing inequities LGBTQ+ older adults experience. Justice in Aging and our partners SAGE and Lambda Legal have organized the webinar, <u>LGBTQ+ Older Adults: Updates and Emerging Policy Threats</u>, which will provide a high-level overview of major issues facing LGBTQ+ older adults in 2026. This webinar will also provide advocates with information regarding the impacts on LGBTQ+ older adults stemming from the President's executive orders, including changes to gender affirming care, as well as other policy updates, and new resources from our organizations for advocates serving LGBTQ+ older adults. Presenters will discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who LGBTQ+ older adults are; </p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developments in federal policies targeting LGBTQ+ communities and how they impact older adults; • Updates on key litigation impacting the rights of LGBTQ+ older adults; and • Resources for advocates who work with LGBTQ+ older adults. <p>Who Should Participate: Advocates for and professionals working with LGBTQ+ older adults and other aging and disability stakeholders.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denny Chan, Managing Director, Equity Advocacy, Justice in Aging • Sahar Takshi, Senior Attorney, Equity Advocacy, Justice in Aging • Kell Olson, Counsel and F. Curt Kirschner, Jr. Strategist for LGBTQ+ Seniors, Lambda Legal • Aaron Tax, Managing Director of Government Affairs and Policy Advocacy, SAGE <p>Additional Resources for Attendees: Justice in Aging Issue Brief: Supporting LGBTQ+ Older Adults' Basic Needs</p>
<p>Previously posted webinars and online sessions</p>	<p>Previously posted webinars and online sessions can be viewed at: https://dignityalliancema.org/webinars-and-online-sessions/</p>
<p>Nursing Homes</p>	<p>4. McKnights Long-Term Care News January 11, 2025 CMS to remove complaint allegations from Nursing Home Compare By Kimberly Marselas The article from <i>McKnight's Long-Term Care News</i> reports that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has decided to remove "complaint allegations" from the public-facing Nursing Home Care Compare website. This policy change addresses long-standing concerns from industry advocates, such as the American Health Care Association (AHCA), who argued that displaying unverified and uninvestigated grievances was misleading to consumers and unfairly penalized facilities before any formal survey could substantiate the claims. By removing these preliminary allegations, CMS aims to streamline the site to focus solely on "substantiated" deficiencies and verified survey results, ensuring that families make care decisions based on proven regulatory findings rather than unconfirmed reports.</p>
<p>Workforce</p>	<p>5. The Guardian December 29, 2025 Many Filipino healthcare workers in the US live in fear of ICE: 'This is my place of work. I should feel safe' By Lynda Lin Grigsby In a Guardian article published in late December 2025, Lynda Lin Grigsby details how heightened immigration enforcement and workplace raids under the Trump administration have created a climate of fear for Filipino healthcare workers, who comprise a disproportionately large and essential segment of the U.S. medical workforce. The piece profiles individuals like "Bella," an undocumented caregiver who escaped labor exploitation, and Veronica Velasquez, a DACA recipient physical therapist, both of whom describe hospitals and care facilities as no longer feeling like safe "healing spaces" due to the constant threat of ICE arrests. Highlighting a centuries-long history of Filipino migration to fill labor gaps in American healthcare, the article underscores that even legal permanent residents and citizens within the community are on edge as reports of detentions ripple through social media. Advocates and workers alike point to a profound lack of "utang na loob"—a</p>

	<p>Filipino cultural concept of reciprocal obligation—from a system that relies on their labor to care for the nation's elderly and ill while simultaneously targeting them for deportation.</p>
<p>Private Equity</p>	<p>6. *New York Times January 8, 2026 Push to Audit Private Equity and Venture Capital Falters Under Trump By Jesse Drucker Specialists have left the I.R.S. and audits have been abandoned since the president returned to office. The New York Times reports that the IRS's ambitious plan to step up audits of private equity and venture capital firms has largely stalled under President Trump, as much of the specialized audit team's leadership has departed and many examinations that had been launched or planned have been scaled back or abandoned; tax lawyers say the initiative — aimed at large partnership returns that can obscure tax liabilities — has lost momentum, with audits far fewer than expected and uncertainty about the agency's enforcement strategy going forward.</p>
<p>State House</p>	<p>7. Office of Governor Maura Healey and Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll January 9, 2026 Governor Healey to RFK Jr: NIH Cuts Have Halted Clinical Trials for Tens of Thousands of Patients In a press release dated January 6, 2026, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey issued a formal demand to U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to restore funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), citing data that current cuts have halted 380 clinical trials and impacted over 74,000 patients nationwide. Directing her message at Secretary Kennedy's previous claims that no trials had been affected, Healey presented evidence from a JAMA Internal Medicine report showing that 18 of these stalled trials—involving 13,000 patients—are located in Massachusetts and cover critical areas such as cancer, stroke, and pregnancy complications. The Governor emphasized that these funding freezes threaten both lifesaving medical breakthroughs and the state's massive life sciences economy, which supports over 858,000 jobs, prompting her to launch the "DRIVE" Initiative to protect Massachusetts' research leadership amidst ongoing federal budget battles.</p> <p>8. Office of Governor Maura Healey and Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll January 8, 2026 Governor Healey Details Strongest Plan in the Country to Protect Against President Trump's ACA Cost Hikes <i>Massachusetts investing \$600 million – the most in the country – to limit health care premium increases after President Trump and Congressional Republicans refused to extend ACA credits</i> In a press release issued on January 8, 2026, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey detailed a \$600 million state investment—the largest in the nation—to protect approximately 270,000 residents from dramatic health insurance premium hikes following the expiration of federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) tax credits. By increasing funding for the state's ConnectorCare program by \$250 million, the administration aims to shield middle-class families earning up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level from costs that could have more than doubled under the Trump administration's refusal to extend the federal Enhanced Premium Tax Credits. This plan is designed to ensure that most eligible enrollees see little to no increase in their monthly premiums while also lowering out-of-pocket expenses such as co-pays and deductibles, reinforcing</p>

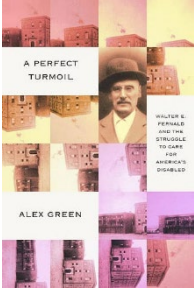
	<p>Massachusetts' commitment to healthcare affordability despite federal rollbacks.</p> <p>9. Office of Attorney General Andrea Campbell January 9, 2026 <u>AG Campbell Asks Court To Enforce Order Blocking Trump Administration's Demands For Personal Data Of SNAP Recipients</u> Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell has petitioned the U.S. District Court to enforce a <u>preliminary injunction</u> against the Trump Administration, which she alleges is defying a previous court order by demanding the personal data of millions of SNAP recipients. The Attorney General's motion argues that the federal government is unlawfully threatening to withhold over \$100 million in annual administrative funding from states that refuse to turn over sensitive information—a tactic Campbell characterizes as an attempt to weaponize social services to fuel a "cruel immigration agenda." By seeking this enforcement, Campbell and a multistate coalition aim to protect the privacy rights of vulnerable families and ensure that low-income residents can access essential nutritional assistance without the fear of their private information being misused for deportation or other unrelated federal purposes.</p> <p>10. Office of Attorney General Andrea Campbell January 6, 2026 <u>AG Campbell Issues Statement After Appeals Court Affirms Permanent Injunction Against Trump Administration For Defunding Medical And Public Health Research</u> Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell released a statement, following <u>a ruling</u> by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit that affirmed a permanent injunction against the Trump Administration's efforts to defund medical and public health research. The court's decision prevents the Department of Health and Human Services and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) from implementing a policy that would have cut billions of dollars in essential funding for infrastructure, faculty, and utility costs at research institutions nationwide. Campbell, who co-led a coalition of 22 attorneys general in the legal challenge, hailed the verdict as a victory for groundbreaking biomedical research and public health, asserting that the administration cannot sacrifice lifesaving medical advancements for a political agenda. This ruling ensures the continued flow of federal grants that support critical breakthroughs in areas like cancer treatment and DNA sequencing, which are vital to both the national economy and patient well-being.</p>
<p><i>A Raise for Mom: Campaign to Increase the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA)</i></p>	<p><i>The Campaign to Increase the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA)</i></p> <p>For nearly 20 years, the Personal Needs Allowance for Nursing Home and Rest Home residents has been stuck at \$72.80 per month. If inflation had been factored since the amount was last set, the allowance should now be about \$113.42. Costs for everything have increased over the last two decades, but the PNA has remained unchanged. That means that folks residing in nursing homes and rest homes have been paying ever higher prices for their personal needs – items not covered within the care, room, and board required to be provided by nursing and rest homes. These residents are obligated to pay almost all their monthly Social Security and other income for their basic care leaving the PNA to cover all other life's necessities. Amplifying this situation, Massachusetts has the highest cost of living of any state in the continental United States – meaning these vulnerable residents can afford less each and every year.</p> <p>Three similar bills have been filed in the Massachusetts Legislature this year and are awaiting a public hearing with the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing, chaired by Senator Cindy Friedman and Representative John Lawn. The bills to raise the PNA are Senate Bill 887</p>

by Senator Joan Lovely and others; Senate Bill 482 by Senators Patricia Jehlen and Mark Montigny and others; and House Bill 1411 by Representative Thomas Stanley and others. As of the middle of May, twenty-nine legislators (11 senators, 16 representatives) have already co-sponsored one or more of these bills. DignityMA, AARP Massachusetts, and LeadingAge Massachusetts are among the statewide organizations that have indicated support of the PNA legislation. There's still time for other legislators to become co-sponsors. Please contact your state senator and representative using this link: <https://dignityalliancema.org/take-action/#/25>. It literally takes less than a minute to deliver the message.

If you are a nursing or rest home resident, family member, or caregiver and have a story about the inadequacy of the current PNA, your story can help put an important human face on why this raise is so necessary. Please submit your story via <https://tinyurl.com/ForgetMeNotPNA> or you can email your story to Dignity Alliance MA (info@DignityAllianceMA.org), noting at least your first name and town where you live so that we can include your story in the testimony submitted to the Legislature.

**We selected the Forget-me-not as our symbol to encourage legislators to remember older adults in nursing and rest homes who have gone so long without a raise in the PNA.*

Books by DignityMA Participants



About the Author:
Alex Green teaches political communications at Harvard Kennedy School and is a visiting fellow at the Harvard Law School Project on Disability and a visiting scholar at Brandeis University Lurie Institute for Disability Policy. He is the author of legislation to create a first-of-its-kind, disability-led human rights commission to investigate the history of state institutions for disabled people in Massachusetts.

[A Perfect Turmoil: Walter E. Fernald and the Struggle to Care for America's Disabled](#)

By Alex Green

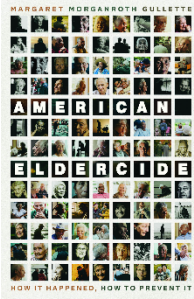
From the moment he became superintendent of the nation's oldest public school for intellectually and developmentally disabled children in 1887 until his death in 1924, Dr. Walter E. Fernald led a wholesale transformation of our understanding of disabilities in ways that continue to influence our views today. How did the man who designed the first special education class in America, shaped the laws of entire nations, and developed innovative medical treatments for the disabled slip from idealism into the throes of eugenics before emerging as an opponent of mass institutionalization? Based on a decade of research, *A Perfect Turmoil* is the story of a doctor, educator, and policymaker who was unafraid to reverse course when convinced by the evidence, even if it meant going up against some of the most powerful forces of his time. In this landmark work, Alex Green has drawn upon extensive, unexamined archives to unearth the hidden story of one of America's largely forgotten, but most complex, conflicted, and significant figures. [Buy the book here](#)

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[American Eldercide: How It Happened, How to Prevent It](#)

By [Margaret Morganroth Gullette](#)

A bracing spotlight on the avoidable causes of the COVID-19 Eldercide in the United States.
 Twenty percent of the Americans who have died of COVID since 2020 have been older and disabled adults residing in nursing homes—even though they make up fewer than one percent of the US population. Something about this catastrophic loss of life in government-monitored facilities has never added up.



About the Author:

Margaret Morganroth Gullette is a cultural critic and anti-ageism pioneer whose prize-winning work is foundational in critical age studies. She is the author of several books, including *Agewise, Aged by Culture*, and *Ending Ageism, or How Not to Shoot Old People*. Her writing has appeared in publications such as the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Guardian*, *Atlantic*, *Nation*, and the *Boston Globe*. She is a resident scholar at the Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis, and lives in Newton, Massachusetts.

Until now. In *American Eldercide*, activist and scholar Margaret Morganroth Gullette investigates this tragic public health crisis with a passionate voice and razor-sharp attention to detail, showing us that nothing about it was inevitable. By unpacking the decisions that led to discrimination against nursing home residents, revealing how governments, doctors, and media reinforced ageist or ableist biases, and collecting the previously little-heard voices of the residents who survived, Gullette helps us understand the workings of what she persuasively calls an eldercide.

Gullette argues that it was our collective indifference, fueled by the heightened ageism of the COVID-19 era, that prematurely killed this vulnerable population. Compounding that deadly indifference is our own panic about aging and a social bias in favor of youth-based decisions about lifesaving care. The compassion this country failed to muster for the residents of our nursing facilities motivated Gullette to pen an act of remembrance, issuing a call for pro-aging changes in policy and culture that would improve long-term care for everyone.

[Buy the book here.](#)

Bringing People Home: The Marsters Settlement

Webpages:

https://www.centerforpublicrep.org/court_case/marsters-et-al-v-healey-et-al/
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Dignity Alliance Massachusetts is a grassroots, volunteer-run 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to transformative change to ensure the dignity of older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers. We are committed to advancing ways of providing long-term services, support, living options and care that respect individual choice and self-determination. Through education, legislation, regulatory reform, and legal strategies, this mission will become reality throughout the Commonwealth.

As a fully volunteer operation, our financial needs are modest, but also real. Your donation helps to produce and distribute *The Dignity Digest* weekly free of charge to almost 1,000 recipients and maintain our website, www.DignityAllianceMA.org, which has thousands of visits each month.

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Thank you for your consideration!

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Nursing Home Closures	List of Nursing Home Closures in Massachusetts Since July 2021: https://dignityalliancema.org/2025/04/07/nursing-home-closures-since-july-2021/
Determination of Need Projects	List of Determination of Need Applications regarding nursing homes since 2020: https://dignityalliancema.org/2025/04/07/list-of-determination-of-need-applications/ Recent approval: Town of Nantucket – Long Term Care Substantial Capital Expenditure Approved May 5, 2025
List of Special Focus Facilities	<p>Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services <i>List of Special Focus Facilities and Candidates</i> https://www.cms.gov/files/document/sff-posting-candidate-list-march-2025.pdf Updated March 26, 2025</p> <p>CMS has published a new list of Special Focus Facilities (SFF). SFFs are nursing homes with serious quality issues based on a calculation of deficiencies cited during inspections and the scope and severity level of those citations. CMS publicly discloses the names of the facilities chosen to participate in this program and candidate nursing homes.</p> <p>To be considered for the SFF program, a facility must have a history (at least 3 years) of serious quality issues. These nursing facilities generally have more deficiencies than the average facility, and more serious problems such as harm or injury to residents. Special Focus Facilities have more frequent surveys and are subject to progressive enforcement until it either graduates from the program or is terminated from Medicare and/or Medicaid.</p> <p>This is important information for consumers – particularly as they consider a nursing home.</p> <p>What can advocates do with this information?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include the list of facilities in your area/state when providing information to consumers who are looking for a nursing home. Include an explanation of the SFF program and the candidate list. • Post the list on your program’s/organization’s website (along with the explanation noted above). • Encourage current residents and families to check the list to see if their facility is included. • Urge residents and families in a candidate facility to ask the administrator what is being done to improve care. • Suggest that resident and family councils invite the administrator to a council meeting to talk about what the facility is doing to improve care, ask for ongoing updates, and share any council concerns. • For long-term care ombudsmen representatives: Meet with the administrator to discuss what the facility is doing to address problems and share any resources that might be helpful. <p>Massachusetts facilities listed (updated) Newly added to the listing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salem Rehab Center, Salem https://www.adviniacare.com/adviniacare-salem/ Nursing home inspect information: https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/homes/h-225644/ • Fall River Healthcare https://www.nextstephc.com/fallriver Nursing home inspect information: https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/homes/h-225723/ <p>Massachusetts facilities which have graduated from the program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlborough Hills Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, Marlborough https://tinyurl.com/MarlboroughHills

	<p>Nursing home inspect information: https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/homes/h-225063</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somerset Ridge Center, Somerset https://somersetridge.com/ <p>Nursing home inspect information: https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/homes/h-225747</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tremont Healthcare Center, Wareham https://thetremontrehabcare.com/ <p>Nursing home inspect information: https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/homes/h-225488/</p> <p>Massachusetts facilities that are candidates for listing (months on list)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AdviniaCare Newburyport (13) https://www.adviniacare.com/adviniacare-country-center/ <p>Nursing home inspect information: https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/homes/h-225332</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brandon Woods of New Bedford (1) https://brandonwoodsnewbedford.com/ <p>Nursing home inspect information: https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/homes/h-225264/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cape Cod Post Acute, Brewster (9) https://capecodrehabhc.com/ <p>Nursing home inspect information: https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/homes/h-225667/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charwell House Health and Rehabilitation, Norwood (37) https://tinyurl.com/Charwell <p>Nursing home inspect information: https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/homes/h-225208</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Care Center of Merrimack Valley, Billerica (2) https://lcca.com/locations/ma/merrimack-valley/ <p>Nursing home inspect information: https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/homes/h-225546/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medway Country Manor Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation, Medway (1) https://www.medwaymanor.com/ <p>Nursing home inspect information: https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/homes/h-225412</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pine Knoll Nursing Center, Lexington, (3) https://www.longtermcentersgroup.com/About-Pine-Knoll-Nursing-Center-Rehab <p>Nursing home inspect information: https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/homes/h-225049/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RegalCare at Glen Ridge (20) https://www.genesisihcc.com/glenridge <p>Nursing home inspect information: https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/homes/h-225523</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Newton Healthcare, West Newton (9) https://www.nextstephc.com/westnewton <p>Nursing home inspect information: https://projects.propublica.org/nursing-homes/homes/h-225324/</p> <p>No longer operating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Dennis Healthcare, South Dennis https://tinyurl.com/SpecialFocusFacilityProgram
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