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**To:** Richard.Wilborn@senate.ks.gov; Eric.Rucker@senate.ks.gov; Vic.Miller@senate.ks.gov  
**Subject:** Public testimony on nursing home protections?

Dear Chairman Wilborn, Vice Chairman Rucker and Ranking Member Miller,  
I along with others have been actively following the work of the Senate Judiciary Committee on the topic of Covid immunity legislation. I hoped calls from members of the committee for public transparency and full participation of interested parties in crafting new legislation would result in a full fair hearing of possible bill contents. It is with concern that I note that a new agenda for the committee reflects testimony from those supporting immunity but not from those who oppose it.

Older adults in nursing and adult care facilities have a real and important stake in the content of a bill that would remove their right to hold a facility accountable for failing to meet health and safety standards long before Covid and that greatly raised the risk of harm to them once Covid struck. Their lives are at risk. Their voices deserve equal hearing on any legislation and content presented to the committee for consideration.

Please provide the opportunity to testify to older adults and those who advocate with/for them.

Respectfully,

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