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Dear Senators

I thoroughly recommend the backing of Senator Rebekha Sharkie's Staffing Disclosure bill this Bill one of the most important steps forward in reducing Aged Care neglect and abuse.

As a consumer [my husband is in care] and an Aged Care Advocate I have witnessed first hand and received many complaints regarding the lack of staffing in Aged Care Facilities.

We as a Nation have now witnessed through the media the shocking state our Aged Care is in. I have personally witnessed neglect and abuse for Facilities not having enough staff on the floor, adding to this I have witnessed and received complaints from dozens of staff who are run of their feet and stressed by the workload put upon them. This in turn is the main factor our well trained Australian nurse and care staff are turning away from the aged care industry.

My and Jane Seaholme's Mandatory staff to resident ratios would not have reached 267,000 signatures the second largest petition in Australia and is still climbing if the public did not want better care and more transparency in aged care this petition would not exist.

We owe it to our aging population to give them the best care in their declining years, they deserve respect and empathy and care you can only get from hands on personnel.

All the data in the world does not replace what the public demands and that is transparency and hands on care .The Government and Providers have reneged on there promise by failing to collect data and regulators later sanctioned this.

Too little too late now we have a broken system and the public are demanding transparency and mandatory staff ratios.

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