PETITION

To Improve Care at Manor Care Easton Nursing Home

We the undersigned are very concerned about what will happen to elderly nursing home residents and employees at Manor Care Health Services in Easton, PA as a result of the pending Carlyle Group buyout of HCR Manor Care.

With wealthy CEOs at the Carlyle Group and Manor Care standing to profit hundreds of millions of dollars, we are concerned that money that should be going to improve nursing home care at our nursing home in Easton is instead going to enrich already-wealthy executives.

We need adequate staffing and better quality food at our nursing home as well as increased pay and better health care benefits to recruit and retain dedicated staff caregivers. Certified nurse assistants at Manor Care Easton barely make $11 an hour and health benefits are unaffordable. Too many good staff are leaving for higher paying jobs at other nursing homes in the area.

Furthermore, we are concerned that a deterioration of quality standards at Manor Care, the nation's largest nursing home provider, could drive down overall standards in the nursing home industry, potentially impacting tens of hundreds of thousands of seniors and their loved ones who rely on these facilities nationwide.

We urge Carlyle to put quality care for residents over profits at Manor Care.

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