



Representative Juanita Brent
Ohio's 12th House District

To: All House Members
From: State Rep. Juanita Brent
Date: December 10, 2019
Re: Co-Sponsor Request: Permit resident of residential facility to conduct electronic monitoring of the resident's room.

I will be introducing legislation soon that will allow residents of a residential facility to conduct electronic monitoring of their room.

In the legislation, the installation and use of an electronic monitoring device may be authorized only if both of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The resident or the resident's guardian completes the necessary form and submits it to the residential facility. (Director of Developmental Disabilities shall prescribe a form for use by a resident seeking to authorize the use and installation of electronic monitoring device in resident's room.)
- (2) The cost of the device, the cost of installation, maintenance, and removing the device is paid for by the resident or resident's guardian.

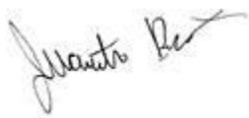
The goal behind this legislation is to give elderly residents and their families the option to place an "electronic monitoring device" in a fixed position to record activities and sounds occurring in the room. The objective is to mitigate the occurrences of Elderly Abuse within nursing home settings in Ohio.

Elder abuse refers to any knowing, intentional or negligent act by a caregiver or any person that causes harm or serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult. Approximately 16,000 reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation are made each year in Ohio, however, the National Institutes of Health estimate these reports only represent one in 14 cases!

If you wish to join by co-sponsoring this legislation or have any questions, please contact my aide Jhontay Davenport at 614-466-1408 or Rep12@ohiohouse.gov.

The deadline for co-sponsoring this is at 9:00am on Monday, December 16th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juanita Brent". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Juanita Brent
State Representative
Ohio House District 12