

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD 12
Borough of Manhattan

711 West 168 Street, New York, New York 10032

April 25, 2001



Hon. Hillary Clinton
Senator
780 3rd Avenue, Suite 2601
New York, N.Y. 10174

Hon. Charles Schumer
Senator
757 3rd Avenue, Rm 17-02
New York, N.Y. 10017

Hon. Charles Rangel
Congressman
163 West 125th Street, Rm 737
New York, N.Y. 10027

Dear Honorable Senators and Congressman:

The following resolution was passed by Community Board #12 at its general meeting on April 24, 2001:

WHEREAS nursing homes are a vital component of the health care system to provide competent, compassionate and appropriate care of the elderly; and

WHEREAS strong enforcement of government regulation has proven to be an important part of maintaining the quality of services in nursing homes in this community and nationwide; and

WHEREAS nursing homes receive significant funding through the Federal Medicare program; and

WHEREAS the United States Congress is considering the Medicare Education and Regulatory Fairness Act (S-452 in the Senate and HR-868 in the House); and

WHEREAS this legislation would give nursing homes the opportunity to

- delay corrections of substandard care and of serious violations;
- delay payment of fines for penalties for actions taken against them;
- mount blanket challenges to Federal regulations they don't like;

and would keep the Federal government from closing facilities with a history of serious violations, pending a lengthy appeals process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 12, Manhattan opposes the Medicare Education and Regulatory Fairness Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 12, Manhattan urges Senators Hillary Clinton and Charles Schumer to vote against S-452; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 12, Manhattan urges Congressman Charles Rangel to vote against HR-868.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William A. Garcia".

William A. Garcia
Chairman
Community Board #12, Manhattan

Chairman: William A. Garcia

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District Manager:

Gregoria Feliciano

cc: Hon. George Pataki, Governor
Hon. Rudolph Giuliani, Mayor, New York City
Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Alan Hevesi, N.Y.C. Comptroller
Hon. Mark Green, N.Y.C. Public Advocate
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman, District 15
Hon. Eric Schneiderman, State Senator, District 30
Hon. David A. Paterson, State Senator, District 29
Hon. Olga Mendez, State Senator, District 28
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Assemblyman, District 72
Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Assemblyman, District 71
Hon. Stanley Michels, Councilman, District 7
Hon. Guillermo Linares, Councilman, District 10

Roll Call:

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Abby Belkin			
James Berlin			
Ronald J. Botelho			
Emilia Cardona			
Fredericka Cuenca			
Sybil R. Dodson			
Beatrice Hall			
Herbert Harwitt			
Joyce F. Holland			
Robert Liebeskind			
Elizabeth Lorris Ritter			
Maria Luna			
Victor Morisete-Romero			
Norma Nadien			
Marcos Navarro			
William C. Ortega			
Zead Ramadan			
Julissa Reynoso			
Steven Rizick			
Maria Sierra			
Barbara Smith Ramos			
Juan Villar			
Sandra Wachspress			
Msgr. Gerald Walsh			
Elouise Whitehurst			
TOTAL:	24 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Not Voting
			0 Abstentions