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Firstly, on Page 8 D4, The bill lacks provisions ensuring the privacy and confidentiality of home-based caregivers. It appears to isolate these individuals from necessary protections within the comfort of their homes. Confidentiality clauses exist for a reason, including protection against potential government targeting. Contrary to popular belief, we do have the right to privacy, a fundamental principle embedded in our constitution. Those who uphold constitutional values should resist continued encroachment on these rights.

Confidentiality in municipalities is a critical issue and believe it or not, there are plenty of politicians at the municipal level, untrustworthy. The government's history of fostering crony relationships is detrimental, OCP is the best current example. This information may be used against caregivers in towns, resulting in unfavorable zoning and plans known only to specific stakeholders.

Similar arguments against confidentiality led to current municipality laws, and history warns us that this won't be enough next year. It's a form of gradualism. The positive elements in this bill become irrelevant if we increase government control in other areas, putting caregivers out of business through different means.