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EL DORADO COUNTY

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cc: John

Supervisor John Knight
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Supervisor Knight,

In the *Mountain Democrat* issue of Friday, July 20, 2012, there was an article about the El Dorado County supervisors concerning the requirement of those in-home health care providers who are paid to be licensed and have a background check.

I am a paid in-home provider/companion. I work for a local agency and also care for a loved-one for whom I am paid. Just because there have been a few in-home care providers who have abused others, does NOT mean that we all do. Yes, it is very unfortunate that there are victims of abuse ~ mental, emotional, physical, and financial. There are more of us who genuinely care about the ones we care for than there are abusers.

This is another instance of government becoming more involved with and controlling individual lives. I feel that this is another intrusion into my life!

1. Who pays for the background check? When one works for \$8.50 - \$10 per hour, the cost will cause us to work a number of hours to pay for it. Often one does not work an eight (8) hour day for five (5) days per week. When one is struggling on those wages, how can one afford the extra cost?
Often it takes weeks to be able to secure an appointment with the Sheriff's office to have a life-scan. Then there is a time lapse while the search is being conducted. This is all to the loss of income for the care-provider.
2. Does the care-giver have to have a background check for each client? I have been denied access to a copy of the ones I have had in order to volunteer in the state parks system and to work for private companies.
3. What will be the cost of a license?
4. Who will issue the license?
5. How much will it cost El Dorado County for the personnel to handle the licensing?
6. Who will check on the employers to see if the care provider is being paid?
7. What is to be the penalty for the employer who allows the employee to circumvent the El Dorado County law?
8. How will the county ascertain who is receiving wages for in-home care?

9. How will this affect those who work for a company who contracts for in-home care?
The company that I work for has liability insurance and bonding.
This proposed law will be placing more burdens on the small local independent business person in El Dorado County.
10. What concerns are there for those who have gone through training with companies?
11. Will those who work in health care facilities also be required to have a license?
12. Will El Dorado County personnel have access to personal income tax filing to discern whether or not the filer has a license?

If this goes into effect, it will stifle honest work and honest reporting of income. It opens the door for lying and “under the table” financing.

Please look at how this proposed law will affect the individual paid care giver and the employer.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Allen (Mrs.)