

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA AGING NETWORK (NVAN)

A coalition of the local commissions on aging, area agencies on aging, and non-profit agencies providing services to older adults

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**Alexandria  
Commission on Aging**

Delegate Robert D. Orrock, Sr., Chair  
House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions  
Virginia General Assembly

**Arlington  
Commission on Aging**

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**Fairfax  
Commission on Aging**

Chair Orrock and Members of the Committee:

The Northern Virginia Aging Network (NVAN) supports staffing standards in Virginia nursing homes, as spelled out in its 2022 Legislative Platform.

**Loudoun  
Commission on Aging**

Both HB 330 and HB 646, introduced by Delegates Watts and Carr respectively, were written to address the lack of nursing home staffing standards in Virginia. The Committee did not approve the bills for consideration by the full House of Delegates. Instead, as you know, the bills have been carried over for consideration by the 2023 General Assembly. A study group is being impaneled to further study the nursing home staffing standards issue with the goal of passing legislation next year.

**Prince William Commission  
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Throughout the pandemic, the long-standing issues in Virginia's nursing homes and other long-term care facilities were exacerbated, resulting in the deaths of more than 2000 residents and staff. Virginia is one of only 18 states with no established nursing home staffing minimums. Increased staffing can improve health outcomes. Numerous studies have found a direct correlation between the quality of care and nursing staff.

Please support and find a way for Virginia to have staffing standards in its nursing homes.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Northern Virginia Aging Network.



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