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Dear Commissioner Phillips,

I am writing today to request a waiver of the two term limit on appointment to the Guilford County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for Linda Lewis. Ms. Lewis regularly attends meetings or if she is unable to attend calls to let me know. Ms. Lewis attends scheduled meetings and participates in official facility visits. She is passionate about protecting residents in long term care and is a valued committee member.

The Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee provides a valuable service to the most frail and vulnerable members of our community. However, given the nature of our work, it is not a volunteer opportunity for everyone and we often have difficulty finding members who are willing and able to serve on the committee. We rely on our more seasoned members, like Ms. Lewis, to help orient newer members and help them feel comfortable with their roles and responsibilities on the committee.

With this in mind, I respectfully request that Ms. Lewis be appointed for another term on the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

Karin Kiser Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman Area Agency on Aging