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We have elected a new legislation, with an assurance of correcting the shortfalls at the ACC. It has been a month, and so far I see nothing to convince me that any real corrections have been made. Perhaps I live in a fairy tale, but I would remind you that you were elected on promises that we will hold you to, and please remember that your reelection will depend on your diligence in these matters. The problem of Medicaid funding, is not a problem that cannot be solved. The Dept of Health has programs that can supplement shortfalls in funding, called Hospital VAPAP, {Hospital Vital Access Provider Assurance Program}. This program provides for Hospitals, Nursing Homes etc. which are Community run facilities. This alone should explain why the current management of the ACC is a disgrace and must be eliminated. Privatization is for profit, not for residents. The return to County management will bring this facility back to the safe and secure place that it used to be.

Thank you,

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Footnote

I'm beginning to think that no one in this legislature realizes that they will become elderly and possibly need the services provided by nursing homes. It seems to me that it would be in your best interests to make sure that the nursing facilities as well as hospitals are ready to provide the best possible care for their patients. Privatization has proven that their only interest is profit. As long as this is allowed, be assured that your old age will be as pitiful as the current residents in these facilities now. The complaint is short staffing. Be assured that if the staff was paid a decent wage, and provided with decent benefits, there would be no problems at all.