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Good morning.

I am Martha Scoppa from Liberty.
I am also a member of the Senior Legislative Action Committee.

I am looking forward to hearing next week from Katy Perez, Regional Administrator of Infinite Care, with the long-awaited and long-overdue financials called reconciliations. Reconciliations from Infinite Care were required by contract on a quarterly basis, yet are now five quarters in arrears.

The original intention of the Legislature was to reduce taxpayer burden because the Care Center at Sunset Lake was losing money each year, however, after the creation of the LDC, there were taxes on a property that had been previously tax-exempt. On January 19, this Legislature approved Resolution ID-5229 for a transfer of almost \$450,00 dollars to the Sunset Lake LDC for taxes.

What exactly is happening here with payments and reimbursements? We were told by Chairman Doherty that Medicaid paid for taxes, but that is not exactly true. Medicaid pays for reimbursement and always has. In the past, there were no taxes, so Medicaid reimbursement was used in other ways.

Now it is February, and we are waiting for reconciliations from Infinite Care. Where is the fiscal responsibility that this Legislature is so proud of? And even more importantly, where is the County's concern for the care of our elderly and infirmed? I find it both perplexing and disgraceful that this Legislature has been so lax in demanding on-time financials from the very company that is managing our County nursing home.

Thank you.