



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

APPROVAL # **3**
CHAPTER # **89**

March 29, 2021

MEMORANDUM filed with Senate Bill 614-B entitled:

“AN ACT to amend the public health law and social services law, in relation to personal and compassionate caregiving visitors for residents of nursing homes”

APPROVED

This bill requires promulgation of regulations setting forth parameters for personal caregiving visitors in nursing homes and adult care facilities. I support the sponsors' intent of taking a tailored approach to nursing home and adult care facility visitation that protects residents and recognizes the importance of visitation for emotional, mental and physical wellbeing. I have secured an agreement with the Legislature to include several amendments ensuring visitation is not inadvertently overly restricted by the bill's provisions, that personal caregivers do not diminish the obligation of facilities to provide adequate care for their residents, and to provide flexibility in the event of future public health emergencies. On the basis of this agreement, I am pleased to sign this bill.

This bill is approved.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Lanza".