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I think all the proposed changes to GR23 are improvements with one exception. My only concern is limiting the number of guardians on the Board to a minority. This is an exception to the norm in Washington State and the United States, where regulated professions and trades are represented by a majority on their regulatory boards. It is true that a study of US history will reveal numerous problems because professions and industries significantly influence their governmental regulators. But that's the way we do it in this country because we expect the advantages of specialized knowledge and public proceedings to result in better regulation than having judges from other walks of life controlling the targeted group. Let us agree that there is abuse and exploitation of vulnerable citizens by court appointed guardians. My practice is made up almost entirely of cases where I have been appointed to succeed or stand in the way of someone who wanted to be a guardian for self-serving ends. I know what bad looks like. But the exploitation I've witnessed is related to family members and so-called friends, not to practicing certified professional guardians. Sensible practicing certified professional guardians realize they have to built and protect their reputations. However, we should expect there will always be loopholes and a few bad apples. Therefore the public needs the most skillful watchdogs to see and root them out. I submit that practicing certified professional guardians are best equipped for this important duty. Please ensure the future Board has a majority of practicing certified professional guardians. Thank you for your attention to my remarks.

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