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SHOCKING NEWS! THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CA DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LICENSING DIVISION, CASSIE DUNHAM, RESIGNS

The Deputy Director of the CA Dept. of Public Health, Licensing Division, Cassie Dunham, resigned her position on **October 31, 2024** and on **November 1, 2024**, she became the <u>CEO of the California Association of Healthcare Facilities, the nursing home industry's lobby group</u>.

While serving as the Deputy Director, she was in charge of monitoring nursing homes to prevent abuse of our most vulnerable citizens.

She is now running their lobby group, which warrants her past activities as Deputy Director to be in question. Other state employees have gone to work for this industry in the past, which was also in question, but never the Deputy Director. Her leaving this oversight office with a very poor record of citing facilities for causing harm to our most vulnerable citizens is alarming. Her past behavior of not citing this industry for violations of both CA and Federal nursing home regulations should be looked into by the CA Auditor General and the head of the Agency overlooking the Department of Public Health.

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