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Hon. Marvin Abney, Chairman  
Committee on Finance  
Rhode Island House of Representatives  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

**Re: Support for House Bill 7298 "Medicaid Home Care Rate Increases"**

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the Finance Committee,

I feel like I'm just working to pay bills and I can't even afford my bills because everything is sky high in price and I'm not making enough money to even take care of my kid's needs. That is very heartbreaking for me. I'm that mom who always tries to take my kids on vacation once a year and now I can't even afford it.

I'm praying that you hear our cry for an increase in our pay. We are working hard to take such a good care of our seniors' citizens and making sure they enjoy their lives in the comfort of their homes. So, we all deserve suitable pay to be able to afford the cost of living and to be able to take care of our children too.

Thank you for your consideration of supporting home care in Rhode Island, the patients and clients that receive quality, safe care to remain at home, and the workforce that ensures healthcare services are performed efficiently and cost-effectively.

sincerely yours: Josephine Mensah. Thank you.

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