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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,

Good morning I wish I could go I'd never make it after my last client Here is my email To whom it may concern My name is Tabettha I have been a cna for 24 years What I enjoy about my job Is first taking care of my clients and there needs And helping them enjoy there's days at home most don't have anyone else and I'm the only face they see.

With all that's happened in the world and nursing homes being low on staff it is my concern that many won't be able to stay home where they always have lived. The nursing population, all of us are overworked and getting low pay in turn are looking for jobs with more pay. The minimum wage has gone up so why wouldn't we also get a pay increase?

We make a huge impact in the world I believe Someday you or a loved one will need care Currently I am working two jobs to make ends meet. But make too much money to get any assistance. And don't see much light at the end of the tunnel. As the economy is getting worse every day. I wish I could be here to give my voice.

I am working so some of my coworkers can be here to be my voice. Please help the nursing staff by helping to vote for a pay increase. We are the ones that are taking care of your loved ones.

Tabetha
Sent from my iPhone.