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400 STORIES IN SUPPORT OF $400 BILLION FOR HCBS

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

We are proud to present to you 400 stories collected across California from individuals representing various perspectives on why Californians support the $400 billion dollars for Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) to help develop a Care Infrastructure to meet the growing care needs of California’s aging and disabled population and to support better wages, benefits and training for care workers.

400 Stories to Support $400 billion for HCBS: These stories were collected during the month of July 2021 by the various member organizations of the Long Term Supports and Services (LTSS) for All Grassroots Coalition and at two events held in Oakland and Los Angeles on July 13th where over 1500 people rallied in support of these funds.

Who We Are: We are older adults, people with disabilities, family caregivers—past, present and future—and professional caregivers. We are a growing grassroots movement who believe we all deserve to live and age and work with dignity. We are the LTSS for All Grassroots Coalition that is made up of grassroots organizations who have LTSS stakeholders in our membership including the CA Alliance of Retired Americans (CARA), the Disability Organizing Network, the CA Domestic Workers Coalition, The San Francisco Women’s Collective, Pilipino Workers Center, Senior and Disability Action, United Domestic Workers AFSCME, Jobs with Justice SF, SEIU 1021 Retirees, the Gray Panthers, California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC), Caring Across Generations, Filipino Advocates for Justice, and Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network.

Our Vision: We believe every Californian should be supported to live, age and work with dignity in their homes and communities. This requires strengthening existing LTSS programs such as IHSS, Regional Center and HCBS waiver programs. This support also requires expanding the LTSS safety net to support ALL Californians. Thus, we ask that California build upon the foundational work already done for an inclusive LTSS safety net: Prioritize Action Item #33 in the Master Plan for Aging and engage the Biden Administration to support California efforts to pioneer a new statewide universal LTSS program. We insist this new program include provisions that support fair wages and working conditions, thereby attracting and retaining the homecare workforce needed. President Biden’s proposed investment in HCBS will help make our vision a reality.

Our Request: We are asking you to support the proposed $400 Billion in Medicaid HCBS funding as a part of the American Jobs Plan or as a stand alone proposal. HCBS funding that will help us build a Care Infrastructure is needed NOW. With your leadership to make this a priority in Congress, we can build a society that recognizes that CARE is ESSENTIAL as well as create thousands of family-supporting jobs. We would love to work with you to engage other members of Congress in this most important effort. For more information about these stories, and our LTSS for ALL Grassroots Coalition, please contact Lindsay Imai Hong at Hand in Hand at lindsay@domesticemployers.org/510-590-8253 or Jodi Reid at ireid.cara@gmail.com/415-515-2156. Thank you.
LTSS FOR ALL COALITION
My name is Nikki Diaz. I am 52 years old and have spinal muscular atrophy, type 2. I have been disabled my entire life. I rely on public providers 24-7 for 100 percent of my care. This care allows me to be independent, to have autonomy, to live in my own apartment, and to focus on my education and career. If I did not have this care, I would end up in a facility, most definitely.

I have had a lot of different care providers over the years. The quality of care has varied a lot. Some providers have been great – they are well trained and they respect me and my home. Other people are not well trained and are not respectful. Also, some providers are not interested in caring for severely disabled people like me who have para-medical needs. It is very stressful for me to find providers.

My wish or goal is in-home care would become a true profession. I would like care providers to be fully trained and to be paid a living wage. There should be professional guidelines that everyone is supposed to follow. I would like there to be incentive pay for care providers who serve people with significant disabilities who have para-medical needs. I hope that California uses the federal recovery money to make these important changes.
My name is Amanda Martin and I have lived in Los Altos, CA this past year with my parents during the intensity of the Covid pandemic. Before we moved home, my mom had been a full-time caregiver for my dad with Young Onset Parkinson’s Disease. It had been hard for her to attend to her own health and needs given caring for my dad. We were able to hire a part-time homecare attendant this year which has provided much needed respite for my mom. In hiring someone to provide part-time care and loving support for my dad this past year, it allowed my mom to take care of herself and also for us to do things that had been hard since several years ago when my own children were born, like the simple joys of having grandma time at the park. My dad has connected and felt safe with his caregiver and we have experienced the relief as a family of seeing our beloved dad get support from his caregiver. The work caregivers do is critical, not only for people with disabilities but also for their family members who are often doing the care work. This work needs to be honored and it is critical to pay the people who help us and our family members well! We want for all families and people who need homecare attendants to have access to them— the powerful reverberations of care work are deeply felt in our families and communities.

Amanda Martin
Los Altos, CA
It is not just poor people who suffer from the lack of homecare services. In his latter years, my father suffered from dementia, severe hearing loss and lack of mobility. His wife (not my mother) tried to care for him for a while, but quickly became very neglectful. There was money in the family, but my father's wife wouldn't use it to provide care for my father. My father, unable to understand what was going on, ended up spending most of his time in bed, unengaged with the world. If there had been public homecare services available, my father's wife might have used them to my father's benefit, or other family members might have been able to override her objections and get real care into the home for my father.

San Francisco, CA
My name is Cenia, I am located in Norwalk, CA. I am a home caregiver. Because I am able to care for my mother who needs and wants to be taken care of at home.

Cenia Peters
Norwalk, CA
SEIU Member
My husband Rino and I moved from the Philippines to Southern California in 2002. Our daughters joined us a couple of years later. We didn't have any immediate family in the area, so we had to start from scratch.

He was a physical therapist in the Philippines but he had to study and become licensed again. In the meantime, care work was a natural fit for him, so he became a caregiver.

Domestic workers like my husband face many challenges. They're working long hours for very low wages with no sick leave or vacation time. He does a lot of mental and physical labor at work and barely even gets a break to sit down during the day.

That's why the domestic worker community is so important to me. They've helped fill gaps in our knowledge about his rights as a domestic worker and of our rights as immigrants. They've helped me and my family find our voice and transformed me into an advocate for worker rights.

If I could change the domestic work industry to help my family, it would be for caregiving agencies to follow the laws which mandate a minimum wage and overtime pay, treat workers with dignity and respect as a partner or an important member of a care team. It would be nice if benefits like paid time off are also available for workers so they too can take care of themselves or recharge their bodies without the concern of losing wages or fear of losing their jobs. I think these changes in the domestic worker industry will provide workers to take better care of their own personal needs and give them an improved capacity to continue giving quality care to their clients. Also, for me, that would mean my husband will be able to spend more quality time with family. We will no longer be worried about him getting sick or not having a time off to rest.

We will all thrive better when that happens.

Marie Agdal
Los Angeles, CA
Homecare services are important so workers can get paid for their dedication, time, love and a better livelihood for their patients and themselves. Overall this would help both parties who want pressure such as a career or services.

July Monroy
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Los Angeles, California
It is important to help people with neccessiest such as individuals who might need or work for these services. It is also important for dedicated individuals to pay and get benefits that are reasonable to their hard work.

Craciela Carano
Los Angeles, California
My dear friend Anna (now 90 years old) is a fiercely independent woman. Never married, no children, no family living near, she spent her career in the foreign service. After retiring, she returned to the US and spent many years enjoying a quiet life. In December 2018, she fell in her bathroom and broke her ankle, requiring surgery and metal plates to repair the break. She spent 6 months in a poorly-run yet costly Skilled Nursing Facility, where she received shockingly minimal care. Then she moved to a lovely local Assisted Living facility that had very good care at a lower cost. But after two additional surgeries and 1.5 years watching her life savings be depleted at a rate of $7,000-10,000 per month, she realized she could no longer afford to stay in assisted living. Her social security income plus federal pension put her above Medicaid limits but are still too little to afford most care. We even explored a reverse mortgage or selling her home to allow her to stay at assisted living, though either of those options would still have been expensive and her funds were estimated to last only 3-5 years at a facility. While potentially risky to live at home alone, we found that with the right home equipment, food from Meals on Wheels, a low-cost county Seniors transportation service, and a little help from myself and a caring neighbor, she could manage. I’m sure there are millions of Americans who fall within this range -- earn too much to receive substantial aid but not enough to be able to pay for needed care.

What made it all possible was our good fortune to find a small local caregiving agency that does NOT charge a minimum number of hours (many seem to charge 4 hours). Anna is able to get care for the amount of time that she actually needs assistance -- one hour in the morning and one hour in the evening. She pays the agency $24/hour, with an additional fee for holidays. By paying for just two hours per day, the care is affordable for her budget. It is actually the only way she could stay in her home and keep her one remaining asset -- her house. She is so happy to be in the comfort and familiarity of her home -- reading, listening to opera and news, observing backyard birds and seasonal changes. It is a miracle that this has worked out, and she has been able to retain a reasonable amount of independence.

My mantra to Anna is always “safety first". As long as she is safe, with her basic needs covered, and she has resources for additional services, being home is the absolutely best environment for her. She is at peace -- mentally, emotionally, physically -- and she is Happy, which is priceless.

I was dismayed to learn that at the assisted living facility, the excellent caregiver was paid $13 an hour. I met another young woman who had just received her CNA certification and she confirmed that most non-CNAs were receiving $13/hour at the skilled nursing facility while certified workers were receiving a higher but still low wage of $15/hour. These workers are doing difficult physical work, they are always at risk for injury. They also usually have an unusual compassionate personality that makes clients feel truly cared for. They are taking care of our most precious family members when we cannot. We must work toward a better care system that helps those who need competent care at a pay rate that is fair to both the worker and to the family paying.

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I am Myrla Baldonado, 68 years old, single and working as the Lead Organizer of the Filipino Workers Center (PWC), the National Domestic Worker Alliance’s affiliate organization in Southern California.

I have been an immigrant for fifteen years, and I currently have four children still in school. My family and I have experienced the harsh impact of labor law exclusions. As a caregiver for over 30 elderly patients, I was paid an average wage of $4 an hour while working for 24 hours a day without any benefits, including paid time off, sick leave, overtime pay, and no contract. I was also misclassified as an independent contractor by homecare agencies, so I could not earn Social Security benefits.

If I retire now or run into health problems that will render me disabled, I don't have enough savings or retirement benefits that will allow me to get by or be cared for in my own home. I recently had a temporary disability, and my sister was able to take care of me in her home because I had health insurance with my work. I am scared to think that I won’t have a safety net if something happens to me after I am no longer employed.

I believe the Better Care Better Jobs Act, with its investment into Medicaid, would give me the security I need. With funding for HCBS, I will have the peace of mind and the promise of longevity and a good quality of life in America. I will be able to continue living at home with my loved ones and their support. My mother, who is 92 years old and aging at home, is also currently being cared for by my eldest sister, who is a retired nurse. With the passage of this act, my sister can receive help in taking care of my mother.

Myrla Baldonado
Los Angeles, CA
My name is Ian, I live in Aliso Viejo, CA, and I am an organizer with the Pilipino Workers Center.

Home care is important to me because I have family members who are domestic workers. I grew up in the care of my extended family while my parents were at work. I believe in the dignity of domestic workers, and part of that is having the appropriate labor protections for them, from good pay, to benefits, and everything else. I have not been directly involved in the Better Care, Better Jobs campaign yet, but I am willing to support in whatever capacity I can.

Ian Kamus
Aliso Viejo, CA
My name is Tess, I live in Los Angeles, CA, and I am an Office Assistant at the Pilipino Workers Center. I work with Tita Rose to support PWC programs and assist members with ITIN applications and tax preparation.

Access to homecare is important to me because a well-rounded family and healthcare system requires taking care of the welfare of the elderly or the disabled community. Good pay for homecare workers is very important to me as well because they are the primary care providers that give necessary attention and care for patients or clients!

Tess Mercado  
Los Angeles, CA
My name is Cha Murdock, I live in Bonsall, in the north county area of San Diego. I am an organizer in San Diego for the Pilipino Workers Center (PWC). The pandemic has caused more difficulties for domestic workers, who were already facing struggles with the lack of labor protections, and we have had many workers who have died from COVID-19.

I used to work as a caregiver in facilities with up to 50 people. The caregivers have been facing difficult situations while taking care of 9 to 12 people and only getting meager pay. As an organizer for caregivers in San Diego, I usually outreach to them, visit them, and hear their stories. There have been many wage theft cases, and PWC has been able to help caregivers by empowering them with education on understanding their rights.

Currently, the caregiving industry is growing, as the Baby Boomer generation ages and the demand for domestic workers and caregivers has tripled. Still, employers do not want to pay their workers minimum wage; some only want to pay their workers a flat rate of $60 a day in 24-hour on-call facilities during a time when there are no available workers because the demand is so high. Access to homecare and caring for homecare workers is important because we are the frontliners. We deal with patients’ emotional and physical needs as a part of our daily rigorous work. Many caregivers also suffer from cancer and breast cancer because medical research has shown that the inability to sleep 24 hours a day harms their health. Caregivers have silently done their jobs without complaints, accepting all types of abuses because they don’t know their rights and are afraid because of their immigration status, so we are trying to educate them.

PWC, the California Domestic Workers Coalition (CDWC), and the National Domestic Workers Alliance (NDWA) are working to lobby around domestic workers’ rights and bring respect and dignity to domestic workers. During this pandemic, PWC has been able to provide CARE funds, care packages, assistance with EDD and food stamps, and other needs to caregivers, especially undocumented workers. Sadly, we haven’t been able to rely on the government, who have not been helpful. We are pushing Governor Newsom to sign the SB321 bill for health and safety protections for workers, and we need Congress to sign the Better Care, Better Jobs Act so that workers can have better wages. PWC, NDWA, CDWC—all these are the organizations that have walked caregivers and domestic workers through difficult situations. We are still working on educating employers, not just workers, on proper wages, and we are not going to stop. This industry is growing, and for the dignity and respect of the workers, it needs proper care from the government and employers.

Cha Murdock
Bonsall, CA
My name is Shekinah Deocares, I live in Los Angeles, CA, and I am a part of the Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California.

My mom worked as a caregiver while I was growing up and is now a childcare provider. Now, I support homecare workers as they advocate for the rights and protections of themselves and their communities.

Access to homecare is important to me because each and every person deserves to be cared for and nurtured for - especially our elders. Ensuring that homecare is accessible to all is the best way to thank the elders in our life for all the times they have cared for us and our community. It is the least we can do to show our appreciation. Good pay for homecare workers is necessary because growing up, I saw all the sacrifices my mom made to care for others' families and loved ones. My mom and all other homecare workers are long overdue for fair pay, increased protection, and a safe work environment. Their care is what keeps us all going.

Shekinah Deocares
Los Angeles, CA
My name is E.J., and I live in Los Angeles County. I'm a member of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance. Growing up, my mom and relatives worked in homecare. Now that they are retired, they will need homecare in the future. Homecare is difficult and skilled work, and I want to make sure the caregivers who help my family members are paid and treated well. The Better Care Better Jobs Act is an important step toward ensuring caregiving jobs are good jobs, pass the bill now!

E.J.
Los Angeles County
I am an Organizer and Worker Advocate at the Pilipino Workers Center.

As an advocate, I have been aware of how caregivers are exploited. It is common for caregivers to be underpaid, overworked, and abused. In the past four years, I have helped file wage claims that total over $5 million, and have only recovered a little over $66,000.00. That's way too little. Home care workers deserve to be protected.

Meds Medina
Glendale, CA
Pilipino Workers Center
My name is Aquilina Soriano Versoza, I live in Los Angeles, California, and I am a part of the Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California. I have a couple of different connections to home and community based services. Fifteen years ago, my mother, who was a single mother for much of her life, began having health difficulties, including fatigue and brain fog, and she could not work. Since she worked as an independent contractor for most of her jobs, she put most of her retirement savings into stocks and investments, but after the recession hit, there was almost no money in the bank. She ended up moving in with us so that we could help support her, and if she didn’t have us, I’m not sure what would have happened to her.

My husband’s parents and his grandmother are also facing health challenges, including chronic diseases, as they enter retirement. My husband’s grandmother just qualified for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), and my oldest daughter is caring for her alongside my mother-in-law. While we’re lucky to have this family support system, I recognize that there’s so many folks who don’t have family geographically close to them who can provide care. My daughter is also going to college soon, so we need to figure out who else can provide caregiving since my grandmother-in-law does not want to go to the hospital, but still needs a lot of support. If we didn’t have family resources and IHSS, she would definitely be in a facility, and we can’t imagine how well she would do there. It makes a big difference in her quality of life since she is able to be home among her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and build relationships together, which wouldn’t happen if she was in a facility. It’s important for folks to have the choice to age in their own communities and their own homes.

Good pay for homecare workers is really important to me having known and supported the leadership of so many homecare workers who are members and leaders of the Pilipino Workers Centers. The quality of care they’re able to give when care is valued is important. Many of our members are live-in caregivers on-call for 24 hours a day. A study we did with UCLA and Brown University showed that even if you are able to sleep in that situation, the quality of your sleep is much poorer compared to when they are not on duty. They always have to stay a little awake so they can respond at any moment because it could be a life or death situation. If they’re constantly sleep-deprived, the ability of them to give quality care is then diminished.

I’ve seen the impact on workers who don’t have access to healthcare. It creates long-term chronic problems in our members’ health. One member couldn’t even sleep through the night because she’s been trained to wake up every two hours to check on her patient. Valuing homecare workers and paying them what they deserve so they don’t have to work 24 hours a day will result in a better quality of life for the worker and the patients they’re caring for.

Aquilina Soriano Versoza
Los Angeles, CA
My name is Randy Magusara, I live in the city of Los Angeles, and I am a worker leader at the Pilipino Workers Center. I have been a professional caregiver for 21 years working mostly at my client's homes, and I have taken care of patients with different medical conditions, including respite care, hospice, strokes, and Alzheimer’s etc.

My clients prefer a private caregiver because of the quality of care they get compared to those in nursing homes or retirement homes. Private caregivers can attend to their needs right away, unlike nursing homes, where it takes time for them to ask for help to take care of something. Living at home is also more comfortable and quiet, and families can visit them anytime they want. With the comfort of home, clients are happier and more dignified.

It is a personal mission of mine to help others at their home, but as of right now, homecare workers are not paid or treated well. Agencies do not pay their workers correctly, especially following city or state guidelines on wage regulations. Agencies take advantage of caregivers who accept what they are given, and force caregivers to work without taking a day off for weeks or months at a time. Most live-in caregivers, especially the undocumented, accept these conditions because they have little choice and need to feed their families or send their children or relatives’ children to school. Some caregivers are even feeding two to three families at a time, they work day and night without realizing they need to take care of themselves both physically and mentally. Most live-in caregivers have mental health issues because they have no outlet: or mental or physical rest. There are also hidden issues that live-in caregivers have, regardless of the number of hours they’re working, they face physical, verbal, mental, and sexual abuse. Most caregivers do not report these to authorities or share with someone in order to maintain their job to support their families. They sacrifice so much physically and mentally when they should have the right and respect to a job with dignity and recognition as a part of the essential workforce of this country.

Randy Magusara
Los Angeles, CA
Home care service is important for our aging API community. As the daughter of a Filipina immigrant mother diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, it will be critical very soon to obtain a home healthcare worker that speaks Ilocano, my mother's native tongue, to be able to give her the utmost support and care as the disease progresses. Good pay is important because it ensures that there is a stable caregiver available when needed, that caregiver is valued, and considered a professional. As one of my mom's caregivers, having someone who is specifically skilled will mean my sister and I can worry less and be present as daughters. Homecare services are particularly important because both my sister and I work full-time careers. Having help means we can give my mom a sense of independence and dignity and allow her to live in her own home where she is comfortable.

Emily Reyes
Los Angeles, CA
My name is Aleja Lee Plaza. I live in Woodland Hills, California, and I am a member of the Pilipino Workers Center, based in Southern California. I am a professional caregiver who has been taking care of a 99-year-old woman since 2013. I used to work in her home, but my patient is now residing at an assisted living facility, though I still do 1:1 care for her. I need the Better Care Better Jobs Act to increase pay for homecare workers because we take care of other, but are unable to care for ourselves, especially since we are excluded from labor laws and do not have access to healthcare.

In January, I tested positive for COVID-19 after receiving the first vaccine dose, and healthcare was only accessible to me because my facility made arrangements for me to be quarantined in a state-funded hotel. If this was another health issue unaffected by a pandemic, the agency that I work at would not give me healthcare insurance. I was also diagnosed with stage two breast cancer this year, and I was unsure of where to seek help until I came across the UCLA-Olive View Medical Center, which enrolled me in a program to help with my mastectomy. I’ve been out of work for a month now since the procedure. Tomorrow, I will have my CT scan, and on Friday, I will have an appointment with a breast cancer oncologist, where I will find out whether I have to get chemotherapy or radiation.

I have been taking care of the 99-year-old woman for a long time, along with other elderly folks, but I forget to take care of myself. When I was diagnosed with breast cancer, I realized that I also need care. I empathize with caregivers who are working full time and concentrating on taking care of others in the community instead of themselves. As caregivers, at the end of the day, we cannot take care of others without also taking care of ourselves. I am being cared for by my support system from the Pilipino Workers Center and friends who are concerned by me, but we also need to be concerned for the community.
I am Debra Romig from Los Angeles, California. I am a caregiver of retirement age and suffering from severe allergies. Currently, after recuperating from a bad fall at the start of the pandemic, I decided to stay at home in order to be safe. I am also renting an apartment with my adult nephew, who is on the spectrum, and I pay for the bills and all his needs.

I am surviving on my meager savings from caregiving, which is quickly being depleted, and the few earnings I am making as a hairdresser.

Recently, a social worker approached me about applying for an IHSS worker to come and help me with my daily chores. I appreciate that there are government programs such as this to serve as a safety net when we become temporarily or permanently disabled and need care. However, I learned that it is not easy to get into the program because of the lack of funding and the fact that workers tend to leave after a short period of time because the hours are few and the wages are low. Thus, I am waiting in line and getting frustrated knowing that there is a huge backlog.

As a member of the Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California, I came to know about the Biden Administration’s goal to invest in care, which would expand Medicaid through the passage of Better Care Better Jobs Act. I am happy for this development not just for myself, but for many other caregivers who are not paid much and don’t have retirement benefits or insurance. I believe that home care is important and that the elderly in this country must be given the support to age in their homes. I saw how beneficial it was to my mother who once lived in Los Angeles and was cared for in the home with IHSS support before she passed away.

The passage of the Act and its subsequent implementation is one act that will make me feel secure as I age and become truly proud to be an American.

Debra Romig  
Los Angeles, CA

Many family members and friends of mine are/were caregivers at one point in their life. My name is Alfred Barrion and I live in Chula Vista, CA and I am one of APALA’s 2021 Summer Interns. I come from a family of healthcare workers, many of which specialize in homecare. The Better Care Better Jobs Act would allow my family to receive better wages and would allow my family to have a better livelihood. Homecare is essential, and homecare workers should be paid much better, especially since they put their lives on the line during the pandemic.

Alfred Barrion  
Chula Vista CA  
APALA Intern
My name is Nallely Felipe. I currently live in the city of Los Ángeles.

I do not have any connections towards home and community based services, but I would like to seek more information if any family or friends need it. And that the people who care for them are getting paid appropriately and have various training options.

Homecare is important because a lot of people who don’t have a family find a family like homecare. Many people find comfort in knowing there’s someone caring for them. I strongly believe home care employees should receive a good pay because of the hard labor they have to do. Home care is not an easy job therefore the pay should be equivalent.

Nallely Felipe
Los Angeles, CA
My name is Jasmine Bucago, and I’m based in a town in the northern part of LA County called Tujunga. I’m part of Pilipino Worker Center (PWC) as their Digital Organizer. I’ve been involved at PWC since 2018, first as a volunteer in the Civic Engagement programs and then later as a staff member. 

Working at PWC, I’ve come to learn and realize how strongly connected the Filipino Community is with home healthcare. A lot of our members are caregivers, a lot of my own and my friends’ family members are caregivers. Access to homecare and good pay including good benefits for homecare workers is important to me because it provides our community the stability and protection they need. Caregivers work long hours and are dedicated to their job. After all the care they give serving others, they go home to take care of their own families, and at the end of the day they still barely make minimum wage, excluding any or hardly any benefits, making it difficult to retire in the future. That is unfair. We need to provide better support like better pay and proper benefits for our homecare workers because they’ve given so much while caring for our loved ones, it’s our duty to return that love and care back.

Jasmine Bucago
Tujunga, CA

I am a future consumer of home and community based services because illness is unavoidable. I want my family and loved ones to be healthy however I know this pandemic has shown us certain things can be out of control.

Homecare access is important to me because I want to see further development in this industry, In order to help appropriately and supportive services that are more person and family-centred. Payment models that compensate healthcare providers for spending more time coordinating and monitoring care, rather than penalizing them, are required for home-based care to grow.

Gloria Aguilar
PWC Intern
Los Angeles, California
My name is Marigrace Diaz. I live in Stanton, Orange County, CA, and I work in Westminster, California. I’ve been in the US since 2003, and I’ve been working as a caregiver for almost 18 years. I joined the Pilipino Workers Center (PWC) last year as a Community Health Worker, and I have been an active member since.

Access to homecare is important because everyone would need it at some point in their lives. It’s important to me as an essential worker and caregiver because currently, there are no benefits given to caregivers like in other industries, and our work is important because it makes other work possible. For instance, we don’t have sick leave, vacation leave, or health insurance. I’m especially scared because I don’t have any retirement benefits. I’ve been working a lot, but I don’t have any retirement savings. At the same time, I’m scared for my health because if something happens to me, I don’t even have health insurance. I’ve become more active in PWC because I want to fight for the rights of domestic workers to receive these benefits.

At the same time, homecare workers don’t have job security. If something were to happen to my patient tomorrow, I would end up with no job. Also, emotionally, as a caregiver, there is no way to avoid getting attached to your patient. I spend more time with my patient than I do with my own family, so I feel a special connection with her, and if something were to happen to her, I would be emotionally affected, and I would lose my job. I’ve worked with other clients for a long time, and received nothing each time. I took care of a lady for six years, and I took care of someone else for four years. When they pass away, I end up with nothing; I just lose my job.

We also don’t receive much wages as caregivers. I’m also supporting my children back home, so I need to work a lot of hours to be able to pay the bills and help my children back home. At my regular job, I work four days, which is 96 hours at a time, and then I go home at seven. Then, I have another job tomorrow at four o’clock lasting 48 hours. I only have one day off in the week because I need to work more in order to be paid more. I fully support the programs to raise wages and benefits for homecare workers so that future caregivers won’t have to suffer or experience what I experienced in the past.

Marigrace Diaz
Westminster, CA
My name is Lolita Lledo, I live in Hesperia, California. I’m part of the Pilipino Workers Center as the Associate Director, but I am sharing my story as a senior. I’m already 65 years old. I have advanced diabetes and kidney problems, and I don’t know if I will be put on dialysis. I am due to retire next year, but I am worried about my pension, which is not enough for me. I will be a low-income senior, but I do not want to be taken into a nursing home or facilities; I want to be taken care of in my own home with my family. Still, my grandchildren are all full-time students, and my daughter is a single mom going to school. With this situation, how can I retire?

Aging in this country is very lonely, and in the Filipino community, it is hard to put our parents in nursing homes, facilities, or institutions because it is not part of our culture. My father, who was also diabetic, qualified for homecare facilities, but our family tried our best to take care of him at home before he passed away without the ability to afford a caregiver. For me, I am worried about whether I will be put in institutions in case I cannot hire a caregiver myself. My insurance and my friends’ income would not qualify us for Medicaid, Medical, or the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), but we also cannot afford to pay for the cost of long-term care.

As an advocate of homecare workers and caregivers, I believe that this bill will fix the infrastructure of the long-term care industry with its $400 billion budget while raising the wage standards for caregivers and those working in private homes. This bill would help seniors like me and allow homecare workers to develop their caregiving skills and professionally care for seniors. We want to attract younger generations to take caregiving as professional work, with benefits and decent wages.

How a society treats their seniors, their parents, and their loved ones shows us what kind of a society it is. We have given our strength and our most active years in life contributing to the economy and paying our taxes, and it is only right for the government to make aging a non-stressful situation by subsidizing homecare. Is it too much for seniors to be given a chance to die happy and peacefully with our loved ones, our families, and our friends? Is it too much to ask after we have done our part in this society? By passing this bill, it would show how we want to take care of our parents and future loved ones who would need long-term care. It would be costly, but this is a compassionate bill that is long overdue.

Lolita Lledo
Hesperia, CA
My name is Teresita Illuminada, I live in Los Angeles, CA, and I am a member of the Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California.

I have been a caregiver for over ten years. Homecare is important to me because I am growing old, and someday, I will need a caregiver to take care of me. While I am still able to care for others, I am constantly thinking about my own access to care in the future.

Good pay for homecare workers is important for them to access basic needs. When caregivers receive good pay, their quality of life increases and they feel respected. The Pilipino Workers Center has advocated for workers’ rights, particularly for the dignity of domestic workers, decent pay to sustain their livelihoods, and access to healthcare and safety in their workplaces, along with uplifting their spirits and building a community. They also free workers from abuse. Since most domestic workers work in homes, they are isolated and because of our color, most domestic workers are abused, discriminated against, undervalued, and underpaid. Homecare workers must be paid more wages so they can live with dignity and respect.

Domestic workers are also frontliners in the pandemic who risk their lives and health every day. We deserve dignity and respect. Caregiving makes all work possible, and caregivers need better healthcare and protections. We are at high risk as we take care of others, young or old, but most of us do not have access to healthcare or personal protective equipment. The COVID-19 virus affects everyone, especially caregivers, and we need adequate health and safety protections in order to deliver quality care.

Teresita Illuminada
Los Angeles, CA
My mom was a former homecare worker for my grandma and grandpa before they passed.

I imagine that for my mom, being a homecare worker was something that was both painful and benevolent. Painful in the sense that as they got older, my mom had to help my formerly independent-to-a-fault grandparents with basic household tasks like cleaning themselves or cooking for themselves because they were no longer able to do it themselves. Benevolent in the sense that not only was she able to spend time with my grandparents before they passed, it was a way for her to spend more time at home with my siblings and I while making money.

This is why good pay for homecare workers is something important to me. My grandparents, with all their pride, would not let a stranger come and clean them or help them but would allow my mom. If my parents weren't able to have enough money, my mom would not have the time to be a homecare worker and would have to work at a place that gives better wages. That would ultimately have been a huge blow to my grandparents, who in all their pride did need my mom and would not be able to get the care they needed. Everyone deserves access to healthcare, which encompasses homecare workers for those who cannot take care of themselves.

**Caroline Huynh**  
**El Monte, CA**  
My name is Cynthia Dang and I live in La Verne, CA and I am a volunteer at Care Extenders Internship. I volunteer at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center where I interact with geriatric patients who come from a wide range of socioeconomic backgrounds, many of whom could not afford the proper treatment for their chronic conditions.

Without homecare, these patients are discharged from the hospital and are often left without the proper medical knowledge and physical capabilities to care for themselves. Homecare workers are essential in providing around the clock support for many individuals and they deserve to be compensated for their compassion and devotion to their clients.

**Cynthia Dang**  
**La Verne, CA**
My name is Allen Galeon, I live in Los Angeles, California, and I am with the Pilipino Workers Center. I am a professional caregiver, currently taking care of a ninety-year-old lady. I also take care of my 80-year-old mother, who is living at home, and I care for my five-year-old son.

As supported by a statistic regarding the number of people who want to live and age at home, access to affordable and equitable home and community-based services is something that should be enjoyed by aging and disabled individuals who want to remain living at home. In order for that to happen, we have to uplift the wages of our homecare workers, caretakers, and caregivers. In order to increase their living wages, we have to fix our system, which should provide more financial assistance to Medicaid and other community-based services.

Uplifting the lives of caregivers includes all of those who are caretaking for someone in the comforts of their own home. Historically, domestic workers have been excluded from many labor laws. In California, they are excluded from the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA). Providing more resources for workers, including paid leave, sick leave, and family leave, would normalize the industry of caregiving.

We also need to include conversations about pathways to legalization and citizenship for individuals who have been doing this work. During this pandemic, we have seen essential workers working in the homes of the vulnerable, and if we don’t highlight the needs of these workers, their marginalization would continue. Furthermore, we should support this campaign because at some point, we will ask ourselves, where do we want to spend the rest of our remaining years? If we choose to stay at home, then as a human right, we need to support the needs of someone who chooses to do that, including the ability to receive care. Care must be accessible, affordable, and equitable for everyone.

Allen Galeon
Los Angeles, CA
I am Carrie Madden. I have a disability called Congenital Muscular Dystrophy. I have been using a power wheelchair for the past 30 years. I have an IHSS worker named “Gigi”. Gigi helps me with everyday things like cooking, cleaning, laundry and many other things. One day I was transferring out of my wheelchair and I slipped. Thank god for Gigi. I would have hit the floor without her help. She is priceless to me! Without Gigi, I could not live in my house. It would become a hazard because I cannot keep it clean. Also, I would be at risk of injury. I rely on Gigi for a lot! I wish IHSS would pay more. She works 5 jobs. No one should have to do that.

Carrie Madden
California
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This is one of my greatest concerns. I am worried about spending all of the savings on my parents’ care costs. I have put away for a comfortable retirement and to leave something to my son. My parents and I worked hard for this. We also are afraid we will not be able to compensate caregivers adequately when we do need help. This is of utmost importance to my family as we have all fought for economic justice throughout our adult lives.

Essentially, I have a dream for a society where we welcome caring for our elders.
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I am a 80 yr. old retiree in a quite retire local. I am now living and caring for myself in an Sr. Apt development in Berkeley, Ca. I may be in need of long term care in the near future. Good pay and benefits is important to everybody.

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My sister and I had to hire a home care worker for my mother who lived in another state. The worker was very helpful and made minimum wage at the time. She wouldn’t have been able to stay at her home without help from the healthcare worker.

Your Name: James Taylor
Your Organization: Write the Local 2
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Phone number: (415) 283-8626
My name is Conny and I live in San Francisco. I am a member of Hand in Hand. I am also an employer of a house cleaner who has supported me and my family for over 7 years now with the work that she does in my home.

All Essential workers deserve and need our respect. These are the jobs that we all depend on. I strongly support higher wages, with benefits, from the Better Care Better Jobs Act include and urge all of us to respect the work that ALL essential workers do to make life better for us.

Conny Ford
San Francisco, CA
My name is Cristina. I live in Newark, CA and I am a member of Filipino Advocates for Justice. I am a Homecare Worker and as homecare workers we are essential workers. I support the Better Care & Better Jobs Act because as a caregiver the only way that this country can show us that we are important is by giving us the ability to afford living in this country by raising our wages and providing us with better working conditions.

Cristina
Newark, CA
My name is Elvira Rubion. I live in Union City, CA and I am a private caregiver. Access to homecare and higher wages for homecare workers are important to me because it is my profession and working as a homecare worker is the only job I'm able to do in America and my only source of income. It's important for us homecare workers to get higher wages because care is not just an essential part of our lives but it also takes a lot of hard work. The cost of living in the Bay Area is also way too high for how much we as homecare workers are making right now. This is why I support the Better Care, Better Jobs Act.

Elvira Rubion
Union City, CA
Hello, my name is Felix. I was the caretaker of Mommy Shirley. Shirley had dementia and heart problems. I would help her go to her doctors, get her food and take care of all her other needs. Mommy Shirley and I were very happy. We liked to laugh and have fun. When Shirley’s dementia got worse, her family tried to get more hours for her care. The social worker never returned calls. I worked way over her allowed time. I just couldn’t leave her! Mommy Shirley passed away in December. I never was paid for the several hours I worked. What I would like is for IHSS to work better. So if someone needs more hours, the family could get them easily.

Felix Val Buena
California
My name is Gigi. I have a son Jorge who is starting his first year at Cal State San Luis Obispo. I am the care provider for Kristy and Carrie Madden and their cat MeowMeow. I cook, clean, help with therapy and run errands. I do many things so that they can live safely. I also works as a care provider for a second family, and work as a cashier at Walmart. I also have my own side business as a cook. My days are very long. I work hard so that my son Jorge can make his dreams come true. What I would like is that IHSS would pay more. I would like not to work so many hours and have more time for my son.

Gigi Val Buena
California
My name is Grace Lin, an ceramic artist and a retired teacher living in Contra Costa County, California. I currently depend on a ventilator 24/7 and use a motorized wheelchair due to Post Polio Syndrome. However, with the assistance from my providers at IHSS, I'm able to live independently at home. And my severe progressive disabilities have not stopped me from being a contributor to our community. After retiring from teaching due to my progressive disabilities, I devoted my time to work as a volunteer. My past volunteer work includes Art Coordinator at the World Institute on Disability, project manager and organizer of the annual Fundraising Pottery Sale at Contra Costa College, organizer of Art Auction at the Fundraising Pottery Holiday Sale at Laney College, contributor to art auctions in various charitable event including the Special Olympic fundraising events, Operation Rainbow, pottery sales in local community groups, and volunteer counselor for college students in Taiwan and Fresno, CA. Currently I work as a volunteer IT at a local small business, The Phoenix Pastificio in Berkeley. Without the assistance of my IHSS providers, I would have to live in a facility that would cost tax payers so much money. These providers deserve a decent pay that would enable them to live a life above the property level while they have saved the state so much money to keep people with disabilities out of expensive nursing homes. These community based supporting providers are the behind the scene heroes/heroines.

Grace Lin
Contra Costa, CA
To whom it may concern,

I’ve been receiving IHSS for a number of years. It would diminish my quality of life to live without it. My IHSS is my daughter, Lynsi. The duties entail cleaning, personal hygiene and a number of other duties.

Jonna Wilkins
Soy Inez Lazarte Miembro de la colectiva de Mujeres en San Francisco, CA.


Ines Lazarte
San Francisco

I am Inez Lazarte Miembro from the Women's Collective of San Francisco. I'm a homecare worker and have taken care of several patients for 20 years. I see that everyday that goes by I'm aging without any medical benefits and protection. With the 400 billions act it would help homecare workers get long-term support services. It will also create many more homecare worker jobs with sustainable and fair wages. Which will ultimately help homecare workers stay in their jobs and professions for many years bringing stability to the homecare workers' families.
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J.J., who is totally Blind, was trying to care for his grandmother as she needed more help with her activities of daily living. The last five years of his grandmother's life he served as her caregiver. The pressures and stresses of caregiving without support and with his own disability were incredibly challenging. He believes he could have benefited from extra support.

Name (how it will be shared publicly): John Jacob Gatchalian

Zip code or City: _____ 93065

Email (optional): _____________________________________________
Phone (optional): _____________________________________________
Your organization (if applicable): ________________________________

Submit your written story:
My name is Joyce and I live in Brentwood CA. I am a member of Filipino Advocates for Justice. I am an elderly family caregiver and I support the Better Care, Better Jobs Act because I want to live a decent and comfortable life once I retire and also improve my conditions at work while I'm still working.

Joyce
Brentwood, CA
My name is Judith Smith. I live in Oakland California. If in-home care was better funded people could get paid a living wage and could afford to do this work. It would mean that there would be a greater pool of people to hire and I would actually be able to find the help I need to stay in my home. Living in a nursing home would not be an acceptable quality of life for me.

Judith Smith
Oakland, Ca
Being on In-Home support services have allowed me to freedom to not to have to think too hard about what I need to do do to my psychological disability and also due to my physical disability have an in-home care have allowed me the ability did not have to worry about being able to get around to do this or do that because my in home care support worker takes care of all of that for me make sure I take all my medicine make sure I eat make sure I'm good so without him care I don't know what I would do thank God for In-Home Care thank you,Keith,arivnwine and having Saint Mary's as a support in my behalf and my sister as my in-home care worker I think I'm all good as long as these two men objectives St Mary's and my sister as I don't care worker stay in place

Keith Arivnwine
San Francisco, CA
My name is Kristy Madden. I am 60 years old and was born with congenital muscular dystrophy, so I use a power wheelchair. I have been using that powerchair since 2016 when I had a catastrophic injury. I was alone in my house and fell, shattering my knee in 16 places. I can hardly find words to express how happy I am to have Felix and Gigi Valbuena as my caregivers. They help to keep me safe doing the tasks that are risky for me to do alone, like bathing, using the bathroom and transferring out of my wheelchair. Gigi also helps me do my exercises. The independence and safety that my workers give me helps me to be out in the world and involved in my community instead of being stuck in a nursing home. I just wish that they were paid more, so that they didn’t feel that it was necessary to work extra jobs.

Kristy Madden
California
My name is Liane Yasumoto and I live in Berkeley, California. As a result of a car accident 34 years ago, I'm paralyzed from the neck down and require assistance with all activities of daily living. **Homecare workers are my lifeline!** Without the home careworkers who I employ through In House Supportive Services(IHSS) and Waiver Personal Care Service(WPCS), I would not be able to live the fulfilling, independent life that I do in the community. Since homecare workers are vital to my disabled brothers' and sisters' and my existence, they deserve more respect, higher wages and increased benefits. They are essential to our safety, health, and well-being and should be treated and compensated as such. Increasing wages and benefits would likely attract more caring and qualified candidates which are harder to find with the current dismal wage. Show essential workers that they are valued! Show the disability community that we are valued! Quality of lives are at stake. Pass the Better Care Better Jobs Act Now! Thank you!

Liane Yasumoto  
Berkeley, CA
Lolita Val Buena is 89 years old. She has 10 children, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. She lives at home with her disabled daughter Paciea. Lolita has survived a quadruple bypass surgery. She has diabetes and dementia. She loves to go to the casino. Her caretaker is her son-in-law Antonio Agoncillo. He takes her to all her dialysis appointments and helps her at home. Without her IHSS she could not live alone. She would end up in a nursing home.

Lolita Val Buena
California
My name is Lorina Carlos residing in Daly City California. I am a member of our very own Filipino Advocate for Justice and California Domestic Workers Coalition as a Homecare worker by Profession. We work hard to help others who are in need of care when their families can’t do their part to look after them because they have to go to work. Good pay for homecare worker is not just important but also the fair thing to do especially for us who are living in the Bay Area to help us cope with the high cost of living.

Lorina Carlos
Daly City, CA
My name is Marvic Enriquez. I was a homecare worker for 10 years until I had to stop 2 years ago after my cancer diagnosis. I believe that access to home care is important especially for low-income families like myself. I used to be a caregiver myself but had trouble accessing care myself when I needed one. In order for home care to be accessible, I believe that better wages for homecare workers are necessary and important to ensure that both the person receiving care and the person providing case is well taken care of and both their needs are met.

Marvic Enriquez
California
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I am writing in support of the 400 Billion Medicaid Bill for Home and Community Based Services. I am asking Congress to approve this Bill which is essential to the lives of our elders and people with disabilities who are in need of care in their homes. The United States needs quality caregivers to receive a Living Wage.

Thank you!
Mary Foster

Name (how it will be shared publicly): Mary Foster.

Zip code or City: _____ 93109

Email (optional): ________________________________
Phone (optional): ______________________________
Your organization (if applicable): ______________________________

Submit your written story:
My name is Mary, I live in Alameda CA. I'm blind and an insulin dependent diabetic. Three times a day I need my blood sugar and blood pressure read to me. I need a human being with eyes to read it for me. If there was more money in the system we'd all be more secure, knowing that workers could be paid a decent wage.

Mary
Alameda CA
My name is Melba S. I'm from San Leandro CA. A member of Filipino Advocate for Justice.
I've been a caregiver for the past ten years. I have taken caregiver training examinations and a licensed Home care health aid from California. Homecare accessibility is important because it allows people to receive care in their homes and can welcome family and guests and can even invite them for overnight stay. Unfamiliar surroundings can also increase accident risks especially for people with disabilities. It helps people both physically and mentally while staying safe at home and it also promotes lifetime independence and reduces negative effects and isolation. Significantly it reduces the cost of care and burdens to people who need care. Good home care pay is important to us caregivers because it signifies our work as a member of care health workers and an essential part of the health industry. It also helps us to live a decent life and as a member of the society where we live. It also promotes and provides security for ourselves and our family.

Melba S
San Leandro, CA
My name is Menchu and I live in Hercules, CA. I am a member of Filipino Advocate for Justice. I am a family caregiver. Access to home care is important because that is my means of livelihood. Good pay for home care workers is important because despite the dangerous times we have, like the covid-19 pandemic, we continue to work so that other people can live their lives with some level of normality. For this reason, it is important that we get good pay so we can take care of ourselves as well as our family.

Menchu
Hercules, CA
My name is Michelle Rousey, I live in Oakland CA. I needed care at age twenty had hip surgery and I was told by my doctor that I needed help at home. And if I didn’t get that help, she'd have me placed in nursing facility while I recovered. I was able to get on IHSS for the care I needed. I needed to stay on IHSS and other community-based services to help me continue to live on my own at home. As my disease process has progressed over the years, I'm now 50 and I rely on IHSS or I'd be in a nursing home or hospital for my daily care.

I've been lucky having had my same care provider for over 28 years now. It is very important that my care provider have the pay and resources she needs to be able to continue to care for me. For too long she has had to live with little pay for very hard work.

I hope you understand how important home care is for someone like me. I know I could be in a hospital or nursing home for the level of care I need daily. But with Home Care I am able to manage to live in my community, go to school and to volunteer with my community. Good Care, Good Jobs Act is important to make sure the programs I use continue to benefit others like me. We need to have the infrastructure for Home Care to be available for years to come.

Michelle Rousey
Oakland, CA
In the late 1980's I spent a full year as the Home Health Care Attendant in Chimayo, New Mexico, for my godsister, Linda Pedro, who was a quadriplegic. She was a single mother who lived in rural New Mexico and needed 24/7 care. Pay was extremely low and amounted to less than $1/hr, considering that she not only needed daily nursing care, but needed someone to prepare meals, help the children with their needs, shop, and do all housekeeping care. She worked hard to organize a team of extended family and friends who would come and volunteer a day/nite during the weekend. The work was rewarding as she was a dynamic and charismatic person, but it was exhausting.

Linda Pedro was a person who fought for the right to remain in her home, live in dignity and raise her children. She always had to work hard to find home health care workers who could survive on the low pay, long hours, and challenging work. Most people needing nursing care would prefer to stay in their own homes and communities, where family may be present to assist, neighbors can visit and even help out, and the familiar surroundings often ease the healing process or contribute to more stable health conditions.

Home healthcare workers are essential workers, deserve living wages, and benefits. They keep our families and communities healthier and stronger.

Mishwa Lee
San Francisco, CA
Monique Harris  8.27.21 DRAFT Testimonial

My name is Monique Harris. I am a member of Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network and live in Emeryville, CA.

I was born with spasdic cerebral palsy, which has limited my mobility and impacted my ability to do things such as feed and dress myself. Thus, I have employed homecare attendants for over 30 years. Attendents help me cook, clean and get ready for the day. With attendant support, I've been able to live on my own, have a career as a graphic artist, run my own business and raise my son.

When I was in college, I became pregnant and I thought I might not graduate. When my son Brandon was born, Dianne, one of my attendants and a member of her family supported us 24 hours a day, even though she was only paid for 9 hours a day by IHSS. Their support made it possible for me to raise my son and complete my schooling.

Personal care assistance is important work and the people who do it deserve good pay and benefits. Yet they aren't compensated well. And this has driven many good people out of this career.

As a result, there is a huge homecare worker shortfall leaving people like me without the support we need to live independently. I've been without an evening and weekend attendant for nearly a year.

For this reason and many others, I ask that Speaker Pelosi prioritize the $400 billion for HCBS in the final Infrastructure Package.

Thank you.
Will you or your loved ones have to move to another country to receive humane, affordable, care? We chose to send mom to Mexico rather than have her locked into a Memory Care unit, when as an active 87 yo with dementia, she started getting lost on 2-mile walks along the river. Now she receives daily outdoor walks rather than being locked up. It’s time to claim HCBS as essential to our country’s infrastructure. Let people age in dignity in their homes and communities. Pass $400B HCBS and bring mom home.

Nancy Krebs
California
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When my mother was alive at the end of her life, she was on the decline of being able to take care of herself due to her dementia diagnosis. Her doctor said she could no longer live alone. We had to move her to a very expensive Assisted Living. She had a poor experience there where my mother’s needs were unmet. My mother fell at the Assisted Living Facility and spent time in the hospital, then time in a skilled nursing facility. Eventually, I was able to get my mother into an apartment and my husband and I rotated taking care of her. She was just above the IHSS requirements so we could not get Medicare to help pay for a caregiver putting burden on us to help pay the extra amount out of pocket to take care of my mother. This was challenging on both my mother and my husband and I. Having access to an affordable in-home caregiver would have been significantly helpful.

Name (how it will be shared publicly): Nelly Emerson
Zip code or City: 93455

Email (optional): 
Phone (optional): 
Your organization (if applicable): 

Submit your written story:
It's hard to overstate the comfort our family could take, knowing that my grandmother had a safe, caring environment at the end of her life. It was extremely touching to talk to her 'other family', her caregivers—hearing stories of their fun, how she touched their lives—knowing that she had a rich community outside of our visits. On the contrary, it's heartbreaking to think of the countless others who don't receive such a fundamental human dignity.

Peter Imai
Oakland, CA
I have a lot of neighbors getting older and they need help. They feel like they cannot ask for help. "You have to have a disability to ask for help" expectations are a huge barrier to them requesting the assistance they need to live successfully in the community. I have a friend who is 85 years old and struggling with driving. He doesn’t know how to use uber or other types of community transportation options. He doesn’t even know where to start. A caregiver to assist with transportation and teach him how to access the community would change his life. People say to me that it is easier for me to ask for help because I have a visual problem. They are uncomfortable asking for help. Why? I am not sure, too proud maybe?

Robin Schneider
California
COVID revealed how crucial care work is for all of us. As an elder, I know that I will need a care worker in the future.

Sheila Tully
San Francisco, CA
I'm Yolanda Mangaoang from Fremont CA, a member of FAJ (Filipino Advocate for Justice) and a professional caregiver. It is important for us to receive good pay in order for us to live a decent standard and healthy life physically, emotionally mentally, and spiritually and so that we can have proper food to eat, comfortable housing to stay in, and provide for our other essential needs.

Yolanda Mangaoang
Fremont, CA
I am Ysrael Quezon, an organizer from Filipino Advocates for Justice. My mother left the Philippines when I was 6; my younger brother was 5 and has no memory of her. She left the Philippines as a teacher but became a caregiver in the US. That’s how she financed her schooling to become a teacher in the US. My godmother also left way before her youngest nephew was born. Both my mother and godmother left the Philippines to become the breadwinner of their families.

Homecare and long-term care workers deserve good pay and benefits because their work is their dignity.

The work that they do allows them to provide not just a better future for their loved ones who are separated from them but most importantly those they care for. Many of these homecare and long-term workers are immigrants, women, mothers, their family’s caretakers. These workers do the work that Americans choose not to do. It’s way past time. Pass SB321 now. Give homecare and long-term care workers good pay and benefits.

Ysrael Quezon
California
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

As a 66 year old Sonoma County resident, and 13 year survivor of breast cancer, I am concerned that, as I age, I will not be able to afford, nor have the financial resources for the health care support services I'll require and be able to stay in my home. That's why I absolutely support $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act.

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Am a Care provider for a 78 year old visually impaired gentleman. He was homeless and very fragile physically. Because I care give him support he is living a quality life. We need more support.

Thanks

Your Name: Peter Tierwa
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Email: PeterTierwa250@co.com
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I’m a home care worker for my son and another client. It is important to have more money for the clients program so that clients don’t have to go into nursing home. I’m a family provider who had to give up my job to take care of my son. I need a good wage to take care of my family.

Your Name: Bonita Munoz
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Caregiver

It's important to compensate the workers to display respect for the profession and never underestimate the client's importance of the job.

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Phone number: 408-813-4989
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Family caregiver — for my mom for many years — 2007-
She has been able to stay in her home for all these years because of the IHSS Program — without this she would have to be institutionalized...

Your Name: VICKY ESCALANTE
Your Organization: SEIU - 2015 - IHSS
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I am a caregiver and I am asking you to provide good pay & benefits to us because we deserve it! It’s important to help us keep up with the economy to survive.

Your Name: Gailene Gaines
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Your Name: Tonna
Your Organization: 
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Email: 
Phone number: 5104843431
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My dad is homebound and requires additional home support. Without this essential service I would provide all of his care and he would not be able to work. It is essential these services are available to those of us in the surrounding community.

Your Name: 

Your Organization: 

Zip Code: 

Email: 

Phone number: 240.750.4992
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We need equitable treatment of homecare workers, as an investment in labor supply can be a win.

Your Name: Leo Matsuo
Your Organization:
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Phone number:
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I am a care-provider for 3 clients that is very dependent on care, so I been doing this for 6yrs now.

Your Name: Paul Henderson
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Work in a Health Care facility

Because I have my parents in their age that they gonna need care in a facility.

Your Name: Daniel Tapia
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My uncle is disabled and he requires full care. Unfortunately, the burden falls on my mom which is very stressful for her.

Your Name: Hanna Creyer
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Phone number:
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I am an employee with SEIU 2015 and work with home-care workers. I think caregivers should receive higher compensation as they dedicate themselves to the elderly & persons with disabilities.

Say No to Exploitation.

Support the Federal Investment!

Your Name: Sammy Flores
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It’s a interesting job to care for disabilities patients is to learn how to love people and care, share etc.

good experiences in life.

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I have a senior mother-in-law (95!) who is living at home but needs a lot of help. Home health care is keeping her alive but depleting the pension she received as a widow.

Your Name: Hali Hammer
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I want to make better pay

Your Name: Eddie Dorsey
Your Organization:
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Email:
Phone number: 510-776-9915
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I manage care for my 98 year old stepmother in a care home. As soon as tomorrow or in late as in twenty years, my partner and I may need home assistance, home care, or more.

Caregivers, paid and unpaid, do essential work. They deserve good pay and benefits. We need a national plan to support caregivers for children, people with disabilities, and people who need home care or institutional, temporary or long term.

Tes Welborn

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I'm going to need homecare before long and I want to stay in my home. I've seen my parents' situation and I don't want a nursing home or retirement center.

Your Name: Sheila Thorne
Your Organization: CFA
Zip Code: 94709
Email:
Phone number:
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1) I'm a caregiver since 1995
2) Seniors need help in all capacity. 
   What would a person do without help while aging? 
3) We caregivers deserve to live without lack of income to meet basic living needs 

Your Name: Zandi Le Christian
Your Organization: Seiu 2015, IHSS
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Phone number: 510-388-3715
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I Marvin Hendrix, Caregiver for 35 years. I took care of my family members and now family members in songs and retirement. I love what I do. By helping others, I need better benefits.

Your Name: Marvin Hendrix
Your Organization: SCL 2015
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Phone number: 650.458.1746
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I am a state certified home health care provider in service for over 23 years. I do NOT receive holiday pay! I have NEVER had a vacation. My benefits are non-existent, my service is dedicated. I have slept in my car because I could not afford the unaffordable rents in Northern California. Our reality is a NIGHTMARE!

Mr. B Jackson

Your Name:

Your Organization: SEIU Local 2015

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"When you need us we are the first to respond because we care!"
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I have done care for people with disabilities for a number of decades, off and on. Since 2009, I have worked with HHSS. It is fulfilling work, knowing that the people I care for are able to live independently in their own homes. They are happier and it is less costly than forcing them to live in a nursing home.

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- Why is access to homecare important to you? Or, Why is good pay and benefits for homecare workers important to you? I have been a caregiver for 10 years for my disabled mother, and 2 years for my mother-in-law. Good pay is important to me because I have a family to take care of. I am trying to raise a family on poverty level and that is impossible. We do so much to take care of others and get treated like nothing!

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#ElCuidadoEsEsencial

¿Por qué es importante para usted el acceso al cuidado en el hogar? ¿Por qué es importante para usted que los trabajadores del cuidado en el hogar reciban un buen pago y beneficios?

¡Sea uno de los 400 testimonios que se entregarán a los miembros del Congreso para demostrar la necesidad de una inversión de $400 mil millones en Servicios Basados en el Hogar y la Comunidad!

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Escriba 2-3 oraciones respondiendo las siguientes preguntas:
- ¿Cuál es su relación con los servicios basados en el hogar y la comunidad? (¿Es usted un usuario del cuidado en el hogar, un proveedor de cuidado familiar, un proveedor de cuidado profesional, etc.?)
- ¿Por qué es importante para usted el acceso al cuidado en el hogar? O bien, ¿por qué es importante para usted un buen pago y beneficios para los trabajadores del cuidado en el hogar?

My friends are the beneficiaries of home care providers. It is essential for nosotros tener esa ayuda de la cual apreciamos. Muchos de nosotros enfran incapacidades físicas, es vital! Necesitamos pagarles lo justo y otorgarles los beneficios que merecen nuestros trabajadores domésticos y otras personas que dedican su vida al beneficio de nuestras comunidades.

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Caregivers made a huge difference in my father's life! Caregivers and their work are worth in gold - and some families need help the pay them what they deserve.

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I am a caregiver for my brother, David, who is autistic. He is my sweetie-pie, and I am grateful that we are able to care for him, but the pay is so low that it is hard to find people.

Your Name: Elin Lennox
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Phone number: 707 292 3450

Caregiving is an important job and should be paid treated like one.
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I am concerned about the homeless who are living in tents on my street. The encampment seems to be growing, and these people need help of all kinds, probably mental health services.

Your Name: [Signature]
Your Organization: [Signature]
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My daughter was a victim of drunk-driving in 2018. My daughter now lives with a Traumatic Brain Injury TBI. This life-changing event led me to become my daughter’s full-time caregiver. My mission in life is to help my daughter regain independence and to fight for fair compensation and benefits, so that my daughter always receive quality care as well as a salary.

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All workers should have a living wage, here in S.F Bay the cost of living is high and home health care workers can't live on starvation wages. Increase their wages to $20/hr for a starting wage.

Your Name: Dolly Adams
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I'm old and I need these services.
I have many friends that do too.

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We never know when we could lose our clients. It passed away leaving us short of 56 hours of my income. Please support the 400 billion to help give us a wage that would help me stay afloat to fill that loss.

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I'm a caregiver for loved one.
I'm fighting for more hours
Though state and I won my fight
For my BF who I now live in since March 31, 2021
When he lost his leg.

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Homecare is the reason my father will live to 100 years old. I am an IHSS Provider for Senior Citizen, I live in home with Senior. I am disabled, work part-time.

It is an incredible opportunity for me to keep my father in his home to provide for him. IHSS helps me keep our home peaceful and functional. My earnings enable my survival.

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I am connected because I have taken care of many family members that I can care for at home. And not loose my family in a facility I know I can a ke. good care of my loved ones if anything happened.

Your Name: Alicia Snelch.
Your Organization: WDWA.
Zip Code: 95648.
Email: alicia.snelch@gmail.com
Phone number: 916 899 7299.

If I knew no one would come take care of my mom for 14+ when they can work in a facility for more pay. Please we need this help and care.
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When my grandmother was diagnosed with cancer I had no idea or homecare workers. I'm so grateful for them helping us take care of us to her last day. Without them we wouldn't be able to give that care!

Your Name: Gladye Johnson
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I am a nursing home organizer. Good pay and benefits is important due to the increase in the elderly population. Nurses risk their lives every day with this pandemic. Helping individuals to live independently enhancing their ability to continue their activities of daily living in their own home.

Your Name: Hayal Dobaishi
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I am a caregiver from Merced County and District 4 Chair of my union UDW. I care for my brother who is mentally ill and also non family Down syndrome client and it is important to invest in homecare for our future and our clients future.

Your Name: Florence Crowson
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I am a homecare provider for my adult son who is autistic and epileptic. Having access to home care is vital for individuals such as him who can be cared for by someone they know, love, and trust. NOT a cold institution. Both the clients & Providers should be given the dignity & respect thru protection of the program & by good pay & benefits.

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Because people who care for other people need to be taken care of also. We as home/caregivers typically don't ask for much; good pay and benefits held ensure that care would be better and consistent.

Your Name: David Teeter
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People should have the right for not only respect but for dignity of life. That's why we fight for others to live great. They/we deserve it!

Your Name: Vanessa Barragan
Your Organization: UDW
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Email: 530-830-8801
Phone number:
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I am a caregiver for illness and in alliance. I am joy for what I do and more money will help my need.

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*Health care saves lives, provides dignity, respect and well being for adults and our disabled in our communities.*

Your Name: Yesenia Cuevas
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

I am a retired telephone employee. I live alone in Orange County and have no family nearby. I am scared of what might happen to me if I need assistance with daily living. I am an independent person, and don't think I would do very well in a nursing home. I really love my home and want to stay here to the end. But HCBS services do not cover me.... But I don't have the money to pay for private home care. Why should I have to become poor in order to have access to the care I need.

We must support the $400 billion for HCBS and expand it to people like me who want to live - and die - at home.

Name: Ronnie Kinney
Email: vrkinney@att.net
Phone: 714-624-9179
I have been an IHSS consumer for 30 years. Before that, my grandmother was my primary caregiver as well as the person who supported my political development.

Receiving homecare through Medical-funded IHSS has enabled me to be a disability rights activist and take on leadership roles like being on the Alameda County Public Authority Advisory Committee.

As an IHSS consumer, we need more funding for training and more provider recruitment. These funds would strongly support people like me to live our lives independently.

Warren Cushman
Hayward, CA
Access to affordable home care matters to me because many people, including me, need help caring for themselves and their homes. Activities of daily living can be difficult or impossible for some. Hiring a caregiver is very expensive. Providing affordable caregiving would improve the quality of life for many people who could not otherwise afford it.

Vashti Hayes
Union City, CA
Good pay results in good care for those who are unable to care for themselves.

Nancy Tadlock
Palo Alto, CA
My Aunty has a bone disease and she uses a walker, she is unable to stand long, as she ages her memory does not function as it use to, she shakes and is unable to live alone, she requires a care giver, to live independently.

Pilar Cole
Riverside, CA
Being able to age at one's home is important because it provides the clients the freedom to continue to do their activities/routine even if it's something that gets a little bit harder throughout years but as long as they have someone helping them, things can be much easier. I've worked with people in their homes and others at senior homes and you can tell the big difference. I like to do the work I do because it allows me to learn about different people, their lives and provide them with the help I wish and hope my family and I get when we get to that point in life. I always tell my clients that I am not their babysitter, and I'm in their homes to make their lives easier for them and I am there to respect their needs and privacy which I've learned that they like to hear that as I've witnessed other caregivers be more of a babysitter and frustrate the clients.

I believe us homecare workers deserve good pay because not everyone is capable of doing this, you need to have compassion as well as patience. It can be mentally and physically exhausting and sometimes clients and relatives may be rude and not be appreciative.

Yoana Sorto
San Lorenzo, CA
In March 2021 was told my vibrant 103 year old mother, Berenice Palmer, had two months to live from a new diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. I took her out of the nursing home and enrolled her in Hospice.

She was profoundly malnourished. The nursing home staff did not have time to cater to Mom’s failing appetite, or to do the serial assessments that would have given me an earlier warning. I was locked out from the Covid rules, unable to see for myself.

But Medicare funded Home Hospice offers actual care for less than an hour a day. My Mom had so little time left to live. I could not spend hours filling out paperwork and being on phone hold to get her back on IHSS and her VA benefits. These would only partially pay anyway.

A living wage for 20 hours a day of caregivers is expensive, and Mom was a demanding patient. Even then, family could not leave the bedside for long. After a year of being separated from family, she grew fearful when she did not see us. But we could not have given her the care she deserved without these caregivers.

In her last 10 weeks of life, we spent $30,000 for caregivers. Who else has that?

Teresa Palmer
San Francisco, CA
I have wonderful caregivers- they are like my family and friends. They take such good care of me and we have so much fun together. It is natural and I think it is mutual. They are such wonderful people and they deserve to be respected and receive good pay and benefits.

Susan Yamaguchi
San Mateo, CA
I have an 86-year-old cousin by marriage who has been suffering from Parkinson's disease for maybe 10 years. She is a widow who was able to manage on her own with a walker but a few years ago she became totally wheelchair bound. Remaining at home and independent is critical for her. She had cobbled together a small network of independent care givers who have been helping her to remain comfortable in her apartment and getting out occasionally. As her meager funds were diminishing, her daughter and I were able to get her needed Medicaid services, including delivered meals, but she lost one of her beloved care givers who was not willing to work for what Medicaid pays. She deserves to live with dignity in her own apartment with the care she needs without the fear of being displaced. For these reasons and many more, I support the $400 B for Medicaid HCBS!

Susan Pfeifer
San Francisco, CA
I'm Sascha Bittner in San Francisco. My sister Annika will read my statement. I'm vice-president of the local IHSS Public Authority Governing Board, Co-Chair of the Regional Center Local Advisory Committee for self-determination and a member of the Disability and Aging Services Commission. I have employed homecare workers since I was a child and they are critical to my independence and very active life. I support the Better Care Better Jobs Act because everyone should have the same access I do to affordable, quality homecare, and because caregivers are essential workers, who deserve good wages and benefits.

Sascha Bittner
San Francisco
My name is Marissa Shaw and I live in Richmond, California. If Home and Community Based Services were better funded, I would be able to pay my attendants a decent wage and they wouldn’t be threatening to leave to work at McDonalds where the wage is higher. I could feel secure knowing that the essential workers who work for me are getting paid a living wage.

Marissa Shaw
Richmond, CA
I immigrated from West Africa with my 3 small children to make a better life for them. I work as a Homecare Worker for a paralyzed lady. I learned English from her as well as new nursing skills. The pay and benefits are not much but I manage the best I can.

Marie
I am a family caregiver for my 98 year old mother who requires 24/7 care. My daughter is her primary family caregiver, living with her and making it possible for her to receive care in her home. In addition, we employ a private professional caregiver 40 hrs/week.

While my mother is not eligible for Medicaid and would not directly benefit from higher wages for Medicaid-funded workers, I believe that our whole country needs to move toward a system of publicly-funded long-term services and supports for all. Passage of the Better Care Better Jobs Act is a big step in strengthening the care workforce and allowing people to age with dignity.

Lian Hurst Mann
Los Angeles, CA
My husband and I cared for my mother for several years. Having caregivers that would come to our home allowed us to have time to reconnect and take a necessary break. Two of the caregivers we hired felt that providing care to the elderly was their calling. Both had to take public transportation to and from their homes.

All the caregivers we hired were kind and so patient. And they were experienced dealing with the elderly who had dementia, were not always cooperative, and had hallucinations at times.

I am so grateful to all the caregivers.

Laurie Chase
Palo Alto, CA
My mother had a severe stroke that left her unable to use her entire right side of her body. It took us many years to figure out healthcare support and to find the right caretaker. Caretaking is a crucial service that needs more training, better pay and healthcare for themselves. We have to shift our thinking to care for our elders for the long term and to support the people who help us take care of them.

Kimi Lee
Oakland, CA
Mohamed Rashid lived and flourished all while having Spina Bifida he never allowed his Disability get in his way. The last two years his health has been going down hill due to wounds that would not go away. They kept getting bigger and when one closed through surgery another opened. He Has his mother/Siblings that are always with him 24/7. Finding a caregiver that is educated in my brothers needs is hard we can always train them but it is not an easy job.

My Father Abdel Rashid has been a hard working Entrepreneur all his life. He had a stroke at a young age and lost a lot of strength in one of his legs. He was denied SS which would have helped him relive a lot of pressure that he suffered through out the years. He since then had back surgery and cancer. All through this my Mom was his caregiver. Had she not been around I know I would have stepped up to be there for him. The what if of it all stresses us all out, what if we are not here who could help him and would they be reliable.

Kholoud Rashid (red scarf) My caring Mother Basmah Rashid in the peach scarf. My Mother is Caregiver and has been since I can remember she has cared for my blind Grandmother, my brother, myself and my father. She has done all this and she her self is dealing with health issues she has a enlarged heart and now a pacemaker.

Kholoud Rashid
Modesto, CA
Before I came here, I didn't work as a homecare worker. I worked for another caregiver but I still kept working at a company. Back home, we grew up with our grandparents and they lived in the home with us. So I learned how to help them. Finally, I started doing caregiving and I liked it and so I left my company. I am able to do it because I have my husband who also works. I love being a caregiver and learning from the people I care for. The most important thing is you need to have love and care. It is such important work.

Katalina Muasika
San Mateo, CA
My name is Judy Jackson; I live in Berkeley, C; and. I am a board member of the California Alliance for Retired Americans. It took me over 2 years to find a place and program so that my friend Carol could live out her life with dignity in spite of her dementia diagnosis. Without a well-paid caregiver what will happen to those seniors that don’t have a family of friends to help them?

Judy Jackson
Berkeley, CA
My older sister at 89 is living a happy life in her home because of home healthcare provided by John Hancock long-term health insurance and healthcare provided by her VA Benefits. She is very fortunate to have insurance and VA benefits. Every elderly American citizen should be able to stay in their home and receive needed healthcare.

Gary Love
Monterey, CA
My name is Hannah Karpilow and I am an IHSS worker in Alameda County. I have been an In Home Support Services (IHSS) provider, since 1981. I love my work - I've been doing this for nearly 40 years and I'm very proud of the service I've delivered in my community. I do a lot of informal attendant referral; helping my community members find qualified workers.

As a low wage earner, however, I have not been able to buy a house or save for retirement. If I wanted to retire at 62 (less than two years from now) I would get $909 in Social Security. Is it right that I should live in poverty when I have worked all my life? If the HCBS system was infused with $400BB, those who may care for me when I need the help can earn a fair wage.

Hannah Karpilow
Oakland, CA
After my kids were out of the house I became a CNA at a nonprofit nursing home, El Canto. I didn’t depend on the job for my livelihood. I worked 40 hours a week and made $1300/month- not enough to pay rent for an apartment. So most of the people who do this have to have a second job. And the work got harder over my eight years working there. When I first started working, my schedule was 4 days working, 2 days off and each CNA was assigned 7 patients. When I left, the schedule was 5 days working, 1 day off and each CNA was assigned 9 patients. Most CNAs can’t live like that and so they are looking for other work. CNAs are the kind of people that love people and who love this work, but they also need to be able to support themselves and their families.

Fumiko Hong
Hacienda Heights, CA
In 1992, at the age of 22 years old, I became disabled with a spinal cord injury and left leg amputation when I was hit by a train on my way to work. I went from being an independent young vibrant woman to being dependent upon caregivers and a system that forces me to remain impoverished in order to have caregivers for my personal and daily needs. I've had many caregivers throughout my life and I'm currently looking for more now. I am now 51 years old and soon to be 30 years disabled and while I've been able to live a very wonderful life until now- surfing, acting as the president of CALIF here in LA and more- I am terrified of aging in this system without family who can care for me. I do not want to expire in a facility because home attendants are not able to sustain themselves in this work due to the low pay and lack of respect. There needs to be a security net for me and for caregivers. For these reasons and many more, I support the $400 B for Medicaid HCBS!

Engracia Figueroa
Van Nuys, CA
Affordable home care and good wages for home are workers matters because every persons job should have the dignity and respect to be able to support the life of the person and their family. Additionally, what are we saying about the elders, children and other people that homecare workers are supporting in life if we cannot make homecare workers affordable with good wages? I want to live in a society that honors our elders, our children, the family. We want people to be supported and healthy that's why this work is so important.

Edmundo Perez
My grandmother was like a 3rd parent to me growing up. In the last years of her life, she was able to stay in independent living thanks to a care taker named Karen. Now, as an employer of a babysitter and house cleaner, good wages for home care is important to me because the people caring for our homes and loved ones, like Karen, deserve dignity.

Claire Michaels
Oakland, CA
My name is Art Persyko and I live in San Francisco. My wife and I are now in our early 70’s and we will likely need some form of home care some day. Our late daughter, Alexis, who was planning to help care for us as we aged, unfortunately passed away six years ago from cancer when she was only 38 years old. Now we hope that home care through Home and Community Based Services will be there for us when we need it! All of us age and will need help we cannot provide for ourselves some day. We need to take care of each other—let's recognize that fact as a society, and make a collective decision to provide the care and help for each other that we now need or at some point, will ALL need.

Art Persyko from San Francisco, CA
My name is Ariana. I am a member of Hand in Hand. My godmother died of cancer during the COVID-19 pandemic and thanks to support from homecare workers as well as family caregivers, was able to die in her home near the people she loved. No one should experience financial stress during times of health crisis or the end of their lives; homecare workers deserve a living wage and respect for their work.

Ariana Thompson-Lastad
Berkeley, CA
My name is Angela Jang. I need Supported Living Services to help me live independently in the Coastal Haven Families neighborhood in Santa Cruz.

I need high quality staff to make sure I get good care! :) 

Angela Jang
Santa Cruz, CA
Hi my name is Amneh Ammar and I'm 28 years old. I'm married and have 3 beautiful boys. I have two amazing parents that worked hard to raise me and my three siblings. My dad who is 58 years old and my mother who is 48 years old never failed to provide to me and my siblings. Both worked long hours to make sure they provided for their family. My father currently has diabetes and I always worry about his health now and in the future. I always wonder if we will still have continued care like IHSS that would be very helpful to me and family. I see how it's beneficial to a lot of families currently and wish to still continue that service so I can benefit from it as well. I don't want to stress about not having care in the future to help support my parents especially my father. I would hate it to be a failure. Having that extra care is very important and should still be continued to help families not worry about taking care of their loved ones. IHSS needs to be for all not just people who have medical.

Amneh Ammar
As a home health Speech-Language Pathologist, I am able to assess the patient's safety in, and dynamics with, those in the household. The patient, oftentimes, lives alone and does not have adequate supervision/assistance required for overall safety. The patient, and/or family members, oftentimes cannot afford the amount of care required.

It will be a daunting task to prepare ourselves for our own aging and care. I hope our healthcare system is designed to provide options for individuals to remain in their homes, at an affordable rate, to both recipient and hired care worker.

Irene Yamasato
After a fall my ankle was seriously injured and I spent more than a year in a rehab facility. After walking (somewhat) and exulting my revenge, I was able to return home.

Presently I am able to get around home with a walker. I live alone with family in northern Idaho and Montana. I am also an intensive patient and require daily health care with adult diapers.

I am very fortunate to have a health care aide who comes in mornings and evenings to help me in my needs. This health care is vital to me. I want to remain in my home and stay as independent as possible. If I didn't have the aid given me by my health care aide this wouldn't be possible. She is a kind, caring person and very reliable. With no family near I depend on her daily! (I am lucky to have a dear friend and neighbor who help me also.)

Anyone who needs this kind of health care should be especially blessed, I'm sure it is very hard, difficult work and these people are true heroes. If I didn't have such an aide helping me, I don't know what I'd do. I'm happy staying in my own home and managing OK with my devoted aide.

Anna Ellington
July 10, 2021
Salinas, CA
"You can have a sense of it from the outside, but until it is your family, you really
don’t know how it feels. It cuts you to the bone. You can’t shake it from your mind,
 wondering if today the day that they will fall or have an accident."

My aging mother was caring for her aging husband—until my fears came true and
they both took a fall together and she fractured her wrist. Resulting in my father
going to a nursing home paid for through his veterans’ benefits.

One year later my father passed away and my mother started to have issues with
her physical health. We paid for her caregiving out of their family trust. Over time
my mother’s health got worse and she needed more hours of caregiving per day.
We are almost out of trust money and my brother and I a sending money for
caregiving while we try to get our mother qualified for Medi-Cal In Home
Supportive Services. Once approved it that will pay a stipend towards caregiving
but will not totally cover all her caregiving needs per day. Which my brother and I
will have to continue to contribute out of our retirement Social Security checks.

I am hoping that the focus on the caregiving economy will help us and everyone
who is dealing with the escalating costs of caregiving for a loved
one…and...provide paid caregivers with a living wage.

Bill Pelter

Richmond, CA
Jennifer Kumiyama (she/her)

I was born with Arthrogryposis and use a wheelchair for 100% of my mobility needs. I have limited range of motion in all of my limbs, prohibiting me from bathing, dressing, eating and doing most household chores without assistance. My primary caregiver for 38 years of my life was my stepmom. She passed away in 2020 from cancer, and I had to learn to live life without her. Having just recently qualified to receive IHSS, I’m fortunate to have a caregiver to help me do the things I need to help me complete tasks so that I can make it to and from work, bathe and dress myself - basic tasks that we all need to do just to live. There needs to be a security net for me and for caregivers. They work hard so we can work hard. For these reasons and many more, I support the $400 B for Medicaid HCBS!

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Jessica is from the West African country of Benin. Ever since she was a small child she dreamed of becoming a Pediatric Nurse. While on her journey to fulfilling her career goals she is working as a Home Care Worker. "I have always enjoyed helping people. I am often inspired by the people I work for. They give me strength and encourage me to be my best self."
My name is Brigit Jacoby, and I am a Russian bilingual Senior Case Manager and Clinician at Jewish Family and Children's Services (JFCS) based in San Francisco. As a young professional working with Seniors, homecare is profoundly important and necessary for a multitude of reasons such as prevention, intervention and maintaining social interactions with those who are isolated. As an employee of a division of JFCS, Seniors At Home, it is important I have access to resources such as homecare to give the best care to my clients knowingly the caregivers are receiving substantial pay for the hard work they provide daily.

Brigit Jacoby
San Francisco, CA
Homecare workers became a part of our family when my parents were aging and transitioning to spirit—they are the reason my folks were able to stay at home. They deserve so much more than what they get—they are among the lowest paid workers, doing some of the most important work in the very center of our families. Whatever it takes to substantially increase their pay *and* keep homecare affordable—let’s do it. *That’s* infrastructure.

Querido Galdo
Oakland, CA
Access to affordable homecare is important for all of us. We should all have the choice to stay at home when we need care. Research studies have found that people retain and maintain their health more quickly and less expensively when they are able to remain at home during a health crisis.

Rande Webster
Oakland, CA
Because the homecare workers should have the proper training and staff, also it is important that the staff and administrator have the proper training for running a group home.

Renee Perls
Lafayette, CA
My neighbor has been a vital attorney to secure basic human rights in CA. He had a stroke and now needs home care. With good wages for home care workers, he has been able to find great care that respects his dignity.

Sara Sanderson
Berkeley, CA
We all need to live in dignity and it should not matter if one has the means or not. As we seek progress and advancement, we will not move forward until we can be uplifted. Our guardianship for all those who are not able to take care of themselves whether young to the elderly needs to be prioritized and embraced. Within that, we also need to recognize and honor the importance of care and those who play a crucial role in providing care with more than just a livable wage. Their essential service to individuals and families allows our society to keep functional.

Myra Sumuraga - Family Caregiver for her mother
Oakland, CA
Homecare workers took care of one of my grandmas when she got alzheimers and the other as arthritis and disease limited her physical abilities. These workers have been so important to the well-being of my family and should be treated with dignity and respect and good wages and benefits.

Michael Gast
My grandma has trouble standing and walking, and as a retired low-income senior living with two disabled relatives, my grandma needs good homecare for her daily groceries, meals and showers.

KC Ho
Oakland, CA
My mom can live in her home with the support of a home health aide; that support means she continues to be happily part of our family, which brings her joy and she is still part of mutual aid with us. At the same time, my daughter just got suddenly sick and has been in a children's hospital. She'll need care at home, and I'm starting a new job where I have no vacation or personal time accrued -- I need reliable, skilled people in my home, and I am committed to seeing them paid fair wages. There is nothing "menial" about caregiving; it is the work of heroic, big-hearted people with clear expertise.

Joanna Nelson
Santa Cruz, CA
When my mother was in pain the last two years of her life, we depended on caregivers to bring her comfort and to allow us peace of mind and the ability to continue working. Without governmental assistance supplementing her care we would have had to take her into our home and one of us quit our job. This would have depleted our savings and possibly jeopardize our healthcare. Supporting in Home and Community Based Services would qualify more Californians for affordable quality home care.

Jeanne Imai
San Anselmo, CA
My name is Hedi Saraf, I live in Alameda, CA. While I do not need home care at the moment, I have needed it in the past for post-operative care following a hip replacement. It is essential to a good recovery to have good care following any such procedure. It is also crucial that caregivers are paid a wage that allows them to live a decent life. They cannot do their job unless they are fairly compensated, which the majority of them are not in the present moment in the United States. This care should be part of any medical package that is available to all people who need this care.

Hedi Saraf
Alameda, CA
My cousin had a stroke and requires full-time home help. If our family couldn't afford private homecare, I don't know what she would do. It's not right for only the rich to have access to this necessary care.

Evelyn Ho
San Francisco, CA
My cousin Bob is quite disabled and his partner who cared for him died suddenly. Bob cannot access adequate home care due to long wait lists and short staffing in the agencies that are recommended. Better pay and working conditions would result in a more robust and stable home care workforce.

Corey Weinstein
San Francisco, CA
My wife and I are both nearing 80 and might very well need homecare to allow us to stay in our apartment of 27 years. The people that would take care of us and the thousands and thousands of others in this State deserve adequate payment, benefits and recognition for the services and lives they comfort and save. Any humane society should think so.

Charles Minster
San Francisco, CA
My parents are hoping to age in place, at home, especially after COVID had such a negative impact on nursing homes. Having access to affordable, quality in-home care in the form of Medicaid funded homecare is so important to families like mine.

Amaya Jennifer
Oakland, CA
CARE CAN'T WAIT
I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:
I want to stay at home in my remaining years so I can be with my husband, have the foods I can eat, enjoy my environment, patio, the comfort of my own bed, my lazy boy and where I'm most comfortable.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

I want to stay home with my wife and have the food I will eat, enjoy my own bed & surrounding. I do not want to go to a facility. I want home care.

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CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: I have a chronic medical condition HIV and I want to remain in my own home where I can get the care I need without any discrimination. Please support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act.

Name: Bob Tucker
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CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

I am a senior living in Orange County California. In my latter end of life time, I want to remain in my own home for as long as possible. I do not want to go to a facility where the food will not fit my religious needs. The facilities I have seen smell bad, are dirty, under staffed, serve unhealthy foods, might have visitor restrictions and would not be good for my mental health.

Please support $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act.

Name: Susan Meyer
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#CareIsEssential

Why is access to homecare important to you? Why is good pay and benefits for homecare workers important to you?

Be one of 400 stories to be delivered to members of Congress demonstrating the need for a $400 Billion investment in Home and Community Based Services!

- What is your connection to home and community based services? (Are you a consumer of homecare, family caregiver, professional caregiver? etc.)
- Why is access to homecare important to you? Or Why is good pay and benefits for homecare workers important to you?

We think that it is a good idea so that the seniors can stay in their familiar environment with family members a bit longer without unloading the burdens upon them. Of course, where the funds originate from and the consequences after the funding need to be weighed also.

Your Name: Lyna Feng
Zip Code: 90703
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2. Home care workers reduce depression and reduce social isolation. Allowing someone to stay in a place of familiar surrounding, especially seniors with memory issues, helps reduce upheaval and confusion and increases feelings of safety.

3. Homecare workers provide needed job skills and training to a economy that is moving from industry and exploration of resources to care and support. Homecare workers can earn a decent wage while doing a job that is individually and societal rewarding.

Your Name: Eric Pierce
Zip Code: 90026
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As one of about 40 mill "unpaid homecare workers" caring for my 98 year-old mom, homecare workers deserve just pay and benefits. I'm one of the lucky ones who has a pension. But most PAID workers are women and POC subject to the lowest pay for an important job to care to keep our loved ones alive & healthy. They are at constant risk of wage theft or threats of deportation while avoiding the emotional burnout from a job that sucks the energy out of you. It's a horrible situation that reflects the values of a nation: Women and old people don't matter.

Your Name: David Monkawa
Your Organization: Progressive Asian Network for Action
Zip Code: 90008
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Home care is so important. And it's so hard to pay (even under the table) a decent wage, especially with Americans getting older / boomers.

Honestly, I couldn't pay for benefits + decent wage. It's like quality childcare, totally necessary.

In a civilized society, it should care for its older citizens who have contributed (even just paying taxes etc) to the overall good of society

Your Name: Linda Okamura
Zip Code: 90039
#CareIsEssential

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- What is your connection to home and community based services? (Are you a consumer of homecare, family caregiver, professional caregiver? etc.)
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I was my mother’s de facto caregiver for most of my adult life, living with her as her mobility and physical health declined. She went from being able to sleep in her upstairs bedroom to having to sleep in a hospital bed in the downstairs living room, and she went from being able to still work as a healthcare billing manager at the University of California, San Francisco — eventually with a cane, then a walker, then a wheelchair — to not at all, having to go on disability until that ran out and she was forced to retire. (This was before the pandemic proved that many people could have been working from home.) She spent the last three years of her life in a nursing home on doctor’s orders, 45 minutes from where she had lived with me, as it was the only facility with a bed available. Her quality of both care and lifestyle suffered, and even with her comparatively excellent benefits and decades of career expertise, she went into medical debt.

Our illness system warehouses the elderly in depressing, fatalistic, impersonal environments.

If skilled homecare had been provided for us as it should be for everyone, my mom would have been able to stay in the comfort, privacy, and decency of her own home, eating a healthy diet that she enjoyed, and receiving personalized, attentive care — not with strangers rotating in a loud, cramped room with two other patients, having to eat bulk-made cafeteria food, with only sporadic check-ins from unskilled yet overworked staff who had dozens of others to visit on their rotation. She would have been able to spend significantly more time with me instead of just my visits on the weekend. Something that may not be as considered on the topic of homecare are the family caregivers: I would have been able to commute and work with more confidence and less jeopardy, both in her safety and my financial security; I would have had more independence and a more social personal life; I would have been able to take a vacation or travel, at all instead of never. We both would have had a better quality of life, and she probably would have lived longer.

I also would have been able to be with her as she passed on the morning of December 23rd, 2019, at the age of 67. Instead, after I got a call that she was going to the ER and then another call that paramedics were performing CPR, I drove like a bat out of hell in traffic across multiple highways to reach the ER... where they had no record for her... and then I arrived at the nursing home and saw two cop cars outside... and entered to see the nurse who called me, waiting outside my mom’s room with a somber expression. I had to say goodbye to my mom and pack up her things with two other patients in the room, as the corridor bustled with people, many in the Christmas spirit, oblivious to the life that was just lost of the most important person in the world to me. She deserved better. It’s too late for my mom, and for me as her only child and former caregiver, but it’s not too late for millions of others. We all get old and we all get sick, our loved ones might not be able to fully care for us, and untold sacrifices are made when they do. Beyond the frightening and heartbreaking statistics of COVID’s impact on nursing homes, which homecare would have prevented much of, we need the dignity and guarantee of systematic, quality homecare as a public good, with workers who are incentivized and rewarded with good pay and benefits for caring for our families.

Your Name: Eric Vance
Your Organization: East Bay DSA: Alameda Healthcare Action Committee
CARE CAN'T WAIT
I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

I live alone. I want to stay in my home during my latter time. I do not want to go to a facility. I am a senior and very close to this time in my life.

Name: Ronnie Kinney
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CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

We all need to stay home and have care given help us when 1) we are ill.
2) we are disabled.
3) we become injured and are recovering.

CARE Needed NOW!!

Name: Julie Fish
Email: 
Phone: 415-307-1213
There is a French proverb, "Petit a petit l'oiseau fait son nid," which translates in English to, "Little by little the bird builds its nest." Over the years and through so many life changes I have built my nest. It is the place that I am the most comfortable, both physically and mentally; it is so full of memories. I never realized until now the pain that is felt when the aged and infirmed must leave their homes. It is a noble thing, to work doing in-home support care to allow people to live in their nests/their homes, in their end days. It is the most humane way to provide care to the aged and the infirmed and it is actually costs society less. Please help us to stay in our nests, our homes.

Name: Nadine Peyrucain
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

I counsel seniors and disabled on Medicare.

A client, who needed 24/7 care after surgery (which could not be provided by spouse) was prematurely discharged from a skilled nursing facility and had to find another facility within 48 hours.

Client in another facility and is paying full rate out of pocket.

If we had CARES, 24/7 care would be available immediately after discharge and client could recover at home.

Name: Sara Cleveland
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

My personal story of why Care Can't Wait is that I have a friend who is 85 years old who was a Nun for 25 years and has lived independently the last 40 plus years of her life. She is now developing memory issues and can no longer live alone safely. She has no assets of her own, and has been existing on minimal Social Security, and Medicare. She recently moved into my house so I can assist and supervise. Help with transportation, day care, and other support services will allow her to stay here longer before she will need full long term memory care at California's expense.

Name: _______Sue Howe__________________________________________________________
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: Before my mother died in 2013, I was very worried about her money running out for her necessary care. At 72 years old, I am worried about my possible need for long-term care and how I will pay for it, preferably at home. But if I need nursing home care, I am worried about the quality of that care, given profit motive and inadequate staffing.

I am also concerned about long-term care for the majority of Americans who are unable to afford the costs of such care.

Name: Pam Reed
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

In home care workers are 24 hour a day workers. Most have to sacrifice or change something they have been doing (job, school, etc.) to make sure that the individual they care for has dignity, can stay at home, and stay healthy. It is not an easy job – it takes everything you have. Changes occur all of the time. Your entire life is centered around the care of that individual.

We need to invest more money into this essential care. That is why I support the $400 billion.

Name: Camille Christian
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

I retired from work with a non-profit, and without a pension. I live on Social Security and with the help of my family, I live with my daughter who is also retired. I don’t think she will be able to care for me if I need home care, and I don’t want her to either. I am slightly over income for IHSS – which is ridiculous.... How poor do you have to be to have access to HCBS services???

I hope that we are able to pass the $400 billion in HCBS infrastructure, and expand access to these services for everyone. Most seniors like me want to age at home, near our families and communities, and not in a nursing home which is just another prison for old folks to die in.

Name: Pauline Brooks
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

I am a Medi-Medi. I have a small share of cost for my Medical. I am managing Lupus, Diabetes & high blood pressure. I am a retired nurse and really want to have care at home if I need. We need this $1 to improve options for people like me.

Name: Diana Midoshi
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CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

I am 93 years old. I worked as a nurse for over 50 years. I have a very small pension, so do not qualify for HCBS. I hope the $400 billion can help make these services available to seniors like me.

Name: Trinita Barbarin
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CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:
I had a transgender client who was living out of his car because he was kicked out of his apartment, partially due to his transgender status. This client has had a history of multiple behavioral health problems and slipped through the cracks because of the system. Eventually, his car was towed by Corte Madera PD and ended up living in a tent in the Novato homeless camp with his 90-pound dog. This was a real failure on the part of the behavioral health and housing system.

I had a second client until the first of this year who was living in a three-bedroom house with her dog and her boyfriend. She was a productive member of society who was working as a caregiver. Her client passed away and she could not get another job in time to save her mortgage from being foreclosed upon. She found herself living in a tent in the housing encampment under the freeway on fourth street. This was a woman who had never in her life had problems being a good productive citizen until, through a series of unfortunate circumstance, ended up suddenly homeless. To add insult to injury, they bulldozed her makeshift home under the freeway last week, and was relocated to a different homeless encampment. This was a re-traumatization of a woman who was already extremely traumatized by the original events that lead to her homelessness. These are only but two of the stories of multiple clients with the same stories. The system is not working.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

We must get this passed - if not we'll all be in trouble.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Care is essential for seniors. We need the $400 billion for the people. We need a seamless system for all.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

We must expand access to Medicaid care expansion. This will help create the infrastructure that we will need. I have provided care for middle class folks who ran out of money and wound up in a nursing home at lose all of their assets, which are limited.

Name: Alice Lindstrom-Davis
Email: N/A
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

There are so many holes in our safety net. We must expand our healthcare workforce —

take care for all of us. We must get private insurance

out of our health care.

Name: Glen VanLehn
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

I have family members that are stressed—
don't have the money for the care they need.

Name: Cora McCoy
Email: _____________________________
Phone: _____________________________
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

We have an increasing population of seniors. There is no place to go. Nursing homes are not an option. Care at home is much better.

Name: Kathie Piccaglia
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I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Had a daughter who passed away. She wanted to care for her parents, but she couldn't. This is not someone else's problem—it's all of our problem. Home care (ITSS) must be a benefit for all. Building the infrastructure is a necessity! We need more home care workers—pay them better.

Name: Art Persyko
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CARE CAN'T WAIT
I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

I have been in position of needing care—and as I have a disability I know it will be needed again. My family needs care. Medicare doesn't cover home care. We must include expand care.

Name: David Williams
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

I belong to CWA - media workers, artists, filmmakers have erotic work. Folks in Bay Area don't have resources or care - have to raise money from GoFundMe & donations just to keep dog over their own head & get care. These acts contribute so much but need support.

Name: Alice Rogoff
Email: 
Phone: 

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I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

I am providing care support for relatives so they can stay at home and get care. Workers are hard to find—we don’t pay them enough. We all deserve dignity as we live and age.

Name: Susan Pfeifer
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

I managed my parents care for years. They lived simply & had some money for private care - nursing homes would not have worked for them. I know I will need care too - and I worry I won't be able to pay for care. We must have care at home during our final days.

Name: Karen Fishkin
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

I worked for years with older adults. I have seen so many people go bankrupt because they can't afford care. I've seen families split because they can't afford care. It is undignified. I know care will be needed by myself and my partner. We need the funds!

Name: George Woyames
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Even with my pension and Social Security I could not afford to move to an assisted living facility when that time comes for me. I could afford to stay in my home with in home care and services.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Homecare is important and valuable for me because that is how I make my living. I care for three young children and help my bosses be able to work from home. Providing fair and sustainable wages for us homecare givers is of essence for many working families.

Alma Prieto
510-679-7561
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Homecare is extremely important for me because without a homecare worker for my three children I would not be able to work and provide for my family. Our nanny was extremely important as Covid hit because I now had to work from home and would not have been able to complete my daily work if I didn’t have the help of our nanny.

Cynthia Lopez
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510-219-7145
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

I hope never to have need of a caregiver. I have seen so much abuse of the system. Seniors deserve a better system so they can have professional care providers that are licensed, trained, adequately paid so they aren't forced into a life of poverty. Many people who enter caregiving truly care for the elders they care for. The system needs to be fixed so there is accountability and the jobs are good jobs and considered important for keeping our Seniors in their own homes as long as possible.

Anonymous
Long Beach Gray Panther's
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

When my sister became disabled through a medical condition. We relied on the California In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program for caregivers that would be available through the state system. We struggled to find caregivers that would be available. The pay was very low and workers were hard to find. Often we were out-of-luck. I wonder when I would need these services would they be available for me? That is why I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the new bill that would increase the pay for these caregivers so they would be there for me.

Anonymous
Long Beach Gray Panther's
CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Zoila – received a caregiver for 22 hours per week. Zoila was grossly overweight and spent a lot of time in the hospital with chronic conditions. While she was in the hospital, she signed over all her belongings to the caregiver. As soon as Zoila, died, the caregiver sold all of Zoila’s possessions.

Zoila
Long Beach Gray Panther’s
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Lillian's husband needed care. She tried to find a caregiver who could work in the hours she needed help with him. The first two caregivers hired didn't show up. The third worked one day and quit. Lucy ended up having to care for him until he died.

Lilian
Long Beach Gray Panther's
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Paula - received a caregiver for 20 hours a week. Her apartment was so dirty, the caregiver quit. Paula found it hard to replace the caregiver, so went without. She died within two months of getting the caregiver approved.

Paula
Long Beach Gray Panther's
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Eva - needed a caregiver 24/7. She found a younger man to hire as her caregiver. He worked his way into her trust and took over managing her property. He began to steal rent money from her. She claimed he loved her and refused to file a complaint against him.

Eva
Long Beach Gray Panther's
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Don - was declining and received a caregiver for 20 hours. Don was homeless and living in a hotel. Living conditions were so bad at the hotel, that the caregiver quit and Don could not get anyone to replace her.

Don
Long Beach Gray Panther’s
CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Mary - hired a caregiver who had 20 hours per week. The caregiver wanted to stay with her 24/7 and Mary let her move in with her. The caregiver, then moved her daughter in with her. The daughter started stealing from Mary. The management company told the caregiver and her daughter that they could no longer live in Mary’s apartment or they would evict Mary.

Mary
Long Beach Gray Panther’s
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Ken - hired a caregiver through an agency. The caregiver wanted him to marry her. His family fired the caregiver and she has not been replaced.

Ken
Long Beach Gray Panther's
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Pat - Is wheelchair dependent 24/7. She had a couple who she hired to be her caregivers. They moved into her house, ate her food and stole Pat's checkbook and forged checks made out to themselves. These caregivers have been reported several times to adult protective services but Pat always says nothing is wrong when the social worker investigates.

Pat
Long Beach Gray Panther's
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Leslie - became a caregiver for her mother, who had dementia. Her mother accused Leslie of stealing her money and sued her. At a court hearing, the Judge awarded Power of Attorney to Leslie. But her mother keeps accusing Leslie of stealing from her.

Leslie

Long Beach Gray Panther’s
CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Caroline became disabled and needed a caregiver. She got someone for 20 hours a week. The caregiver she received continually called out on her work hours and then bullied Caroline until she signed off on her time sheet, even though she hadn’t worked all the hours she put on her time sheet.

Caroline
Long Beach Gray Panther’s
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Jennie's - 90-year-old mother needed a caregiver. Jennie registered to be her mother's caregiver but her mother died before she got approved.

Jennie
Long Beach Gray Panther's
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Valentina - need to hire a caregiver. She found someone at a bus stop who claimed to be a caregiver. She brought her up to her apartment to interview her. When Valentina went to the restroom, the interviewee stole Valentina's wallet and left the apartment.

Valentina
Long Beach Gray Panther's
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Bob's sister was hired as his caregiver and she got cancer. They both then needed caregivers. They are still struggling to find consistent caregivers.

Bob
Long Beach Gray Panther's
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Hector is confined to a wheelchair and is a double amputee. 12. His daughter was hired as his caregiver. She was unable to do the work as it was too hard on her health. It took five weeks to get a replacement.

Hector
Long Beach Gray Panther's
CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Bill had a caregiver that was caught by the person holding his Power of Attorney, stealing his watch and jewelry and trying to writer herself fraudulent checks.

Bill
Long Beach Gray Panther’s
CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Elsie, daughter, was caregiver – She locked her mother in her room while she went to work because she didn’t want to pay for a caregiver, and left food and water but no access to mobility. Neighbor had to rescue the mother.

Eloise
Long Beach Gray Panther’s
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

George – Caregiver didn’t show up for two weeks and then just showed up one day with no reason for her absence.

George
Long Beach Gray Panther's
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Merry Has had 3 caregivers in two weeks. They keep quitting and the service is having a hard time replacing them.

Merry
Long Beach Gray Panther’s
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Pat depends on caregivers and she wanted her caregiver to show up a certain time. Her caregiver got COVID-19 and didn't show up. Pat couldn't open her medication bottles and couldn't take her medications when she was supposed to.

Pat
Long Beach Gray Panther's
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Robert had a triple bypass operation. Person he hired to be his caregiver during his recovery refused to change his bandage. Neighbor called police because she was yelling so loudly.

Robert
Long Beach Gray Panther's
CARE CAN’T WAIT

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Story:

Granddaughter was her caregiver. Granddaughter became addicted to drugs and started stealing from her grandmother to support her habit. Ms. E. had to get a restraining order against her granddaughter to keep her away from her house.

Mr. E
Long Beach Gray Panther’s
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Caregiver quit and didn't tell her. She needs 24/7 care. It took three weeks to find a replacement.

Cynde
Long Beach Gray Panther's
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Caregiver took his checkbook and wrote checks to herself and made him sign the check. Bank would not cash the check. Bank reported it as fraud and a warrant was issued for the Caregiver's arrest.

Mr. J
Long Beach Gray Panther's
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Caregiver left her to help her sister with a new baby. She left with Mary's disabled placard and her SNAP card. She didn’t tell Mary when she would return to work, so Mary was without a Caregiver, her disabled placard, and her SNAP Card for two weeks.

Mary
Long Beach Gray Panther's
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

My sister, who is 81, has advanced Parkinson’s and Dementia. Her husband of 65 years just died. My sister needs 24 hour care. Without IHSS paid caretakers, she would be lost and have to leave her home of 60 years and go to an assisted living place. She would be lost if she had to do this.

LTSS Caretakers need to be well trained and well paid. This $400 Billion for HCBS will go a long way to allow my sister to live and age in dignity and for her caretakers to earn a living wage.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

COVID-19 made it very clear that seniors especially have a greater chance for survival if they remain at home rather than being in a facility where nosocomial infections spread like wildfire and claimed many lives.

Before my Mother’s dementia had progressed, she stated clearly that she wanted to remain in her own home and with her dog. Fortunately, my Father had provided well prior to his death at age 64 from metastatic cancer, allowing for my Mother’s continued independence and dignity, with self-funded in-home care.

Joseph T. Donahue, RN
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

I am a senior citizen living in a rural area with one agency that supplies caregivers, mostly paid for by Medi-Cal. I am 85 with difficulty walking and rheumatoid arthritis. I am in great need of a caregiver, if only one day a week to help me with the tasks I don't have the strength to do. The agency has a severe shortage of caregivers, they have insufficient staff and, in order to attract caregivers, need to raise the pay which at this time is $14.50/hour. The agency staff is unable to keep up with the case load. I have been trying to get help for at least 2 months now and have been unable to find anyone so far. This agency is state and county run. Being unable to get help puts me in danger because I am constantly doing tasks that are beyond my limits. I live in constant fear of a fall. The agency needs to hire more staff, they need a budget for outreach in order to get more caregivers, they need a program to give potential caregivers basic skills and basic guidelines in positive ways to interact with their clients. Right now the situation is that with the current staff pedaling as hard as they can they cannot begin to meet the needs of the community. I am available with more information if desired.

Sylvia De Rooy
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:
I fully support CARE CAN'T WAIT because it is a right that ALL Seniors are entitled to and badly needed.

My mom was lucky to have a loving home; however, she had to spend some time in a facility after being hospitalized for a while. It was not a pleasant experience. I know what I'm talking about. But we can do a better job! Our Seniors deserve the best! Care for them can't wait! It's a must.

Linda Perez
CARA Member
CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

In January 2020, my mother was ill and in the hospital, not covid related. At the end of her hospitalization and rehabilitation in February 2020, she was discharged to home. Nurses and occupational/physical therapists met with her at her home and made her well. She was able to do things again on her own at age 92. During the pandemic, she had other issues that lead her to hospitalization (again negative for covid), but discharged to home in February 2021 where she passed away peacefully in her sleep. With more access to in-home healthcare during that time, she might have survived. Funding to support home healthcare providers is important to save lives in the comfort of patients’ homes.

~Connie Chew

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CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

I am a 78 y.o. woman who has stage 4 breast cancer. I am fortunate that my 50 y.o. son was willing to help me and move to Redding to help me. We have tried to get extra help for both care and cleaning, and both have been hard to find and afford.

I have friends that have been trying for years to find component help and have had unqualified, questionable character, helpers who they were afraid of, sent by Ihss. Now there are less workers with little or no training, and more handicap with sporadic, unqualified, questionable workers.

With surgery on both legs, I am bed bound and unable to move. Too many people are in similar conditions, with out trusted relatives or friends that can assist. This leaves many open to abuse, theft and neglect.

This condition needs to be corrected, the sooner, the better. Too many are venerable and compromised.

Carolyn Doty
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

I was in a nursing home for a month recovering from pneumonia and the quality of the care was awful. They hired temps for occupational and physical therapy; IF you got your OT or PT, one never when. I could not eat the food. They took temperatures at 2 PM and 10 PM, when temperatures are lowest: I had a fever at 6 PM. They hired a freeway phlebotomist who traveled between nursing homes at night; she woke me to take my blood at 3 AM. I was not able to wash regularly, no wash cloths or showers. I could not get my prescriptions there, had to send family to Kaiser to pick it up. Fortunately, I recovered anyway.

Margot Smith
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CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

We lost our dearest friend Francis during the pandemic. She was in a nursing home, we did not find out about her passing until months later. We could not get into the nursing home in 2020. Had she been afforded a home caregiver, we believe she would be alive today, in her own home, surrounded by family and friends.

Please support the $400 billion for HCBS.

Name: Tish Ochoa

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

When I was 21 and a half, Alzheimer's disease started showing signs. My memory began to fail, and my ability to recognize people and places declined. As the disease progressed, I relied more on my family for support, but I didn't want to burden them. The thought of being institutionalized was frightening. I felt isolated and alone. I missed my independence and my past life. I was going to be 60 next year, and I didn't want to spend the last years of my life in a facility. I knew I needed help, but I didn't know what to do. I was told about HCBS and how it could support me in staying in my home. I was able to get the assistance I needed, and I was able to continue living in my own home. I am grateful for HCBS and the support it provided. I am now 70 years old, and I am still living in my own home, with the help of HCBS. I am living a fulfilling life, and I am able to continue being an active member of my community.
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:
My father spent the last two years of his life in and out of nursing homes. We started with home care, which we paid for out of pocket (my brother and I), but as he needed more and more care, we couldn't afford it. My father lived on Social Security, but it was over the limit to receive Medicaid funded home care. He was miserable in the nursing home, and the few times he grew stronger, was desperate to come home. The last time he was home, he was alone, had gone to bed, and got up, hit is head and my brother found him ten hours later lying in a pool of blood unconscious. He had brain surgery and lived the rest of his life, unhappy, in a nursing home where the care was very bad. A terrible way to die. If we had the ability to provide more home care, we could have avoided this. We need the $400 billion for HCBS!

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

Why is access to homecare important to you?
Why is good pay for homecare workers important to you?

Write 1-3 sentences to fill in the end of this statement:

I support the $400 billion for Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) because it will increase access to homecare for thousands of Americans and it will raise the pay of homecare workers as well as create thousands of good paying homecare jobs. This is important to me and my husband because I am his sole caregiver. He is 86 and administers kidney dialysis at home. I am 80, and concerned about my own health. We do not want to end up in an institution, and if I can no longer look after my husband, both of us will be obliged to tap into our moderate savings to pay for home care. Like us, millions of people would benefit from receiving subsidized help, even if only for a few hours a day!

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

I’m one of the first women to become an electrician and I’ve spent my adult life trying to open up the trades to other women. The money is great, you only need a high school education and with apprenticeship programs you can learn while you earn. The construction trades have helped many of my sisters to emerge from poverty. The jobs plan will help more women access apprenticeship programs and childcare services. Tradeswomen and our organizations support it wholeheartedly.

Molly Martin
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Many years ago when, my mom was 85 (now passed away), my sister and I were confronted with a considerable emotional and financial problem. My mom lost her independence due to having a stroke along with her having had a deteriorating heart condition. Needless to say, our lives were upended. My sister ended up having to quit her job to take care of mom, because we could not afford to hire a fulltime caretaker.

So we were both put in the unenviable position to phone, email and write letters to our close relatives to see if they can help us out a little financially. We also asked for and received some help from one relative that lived close by that helped with her daily physical functions – w/o compensation.

We ended up getting some financial support from eight of our relatives in Germany and in Canada until my mom passed away.

The HCBS bill, in the American Jobs Act, had it been implemented back then would have really helped us out since it offers financial relief for the more than 40 million Americans like us who provide unpaid caregiving services for older adults.

That’s why I support passage of this bill.......It cant be passed fast enough !

Name: Vic Bernsdorff _____________________________

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CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

My wife and I are 81 years old. She has a progressive terminal lung condition that will need 24/7 home care that I may not be able to provide as long as needed.

We’re afraid the private long-term care insurance we were lucky enough to get years ago will go belly up before we need it.

Home care workers are hard to find, and move on to other jobs as soon as they can because of low pay, often abusive working conditions, and low respect.

Investing $400 Billion into Medicaid Home and Community Based Services is a step toward the caring society we all deserve and demand.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

An old man was taking care of his sick and dying wife in a cheap walk up apartment. They were living on the edge. Barely enough for food and no health care. It was a lonely vigil for the old man as I visited them as a young man. I didn't really know these old folks but I know their story is a familiar one.

Looking back on that experience I realize now what the richest country in the world is doing and it is a shame. Leaving behind so many like the old folks in the upstairs apartment.

We need legislation to help the old and infirm, many who had productive lives before they were hit with bad breaks, often bankrupted, losing their homes because of out of control health care costs.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: I was a Public Health Nurse and an ICU Nurse and saw such care needs for the young and old and struggling working family. As a retiree I still am active in CNA and CARA and my church and see even worse unmet needs for healthcare, housing, and basic sustenance after and during the Covid epidemic. These are Californians and undocumented people trying to work and care for family with minimal supports due to economic state and government issues. Yet corporations and the rich gain wealth. We were, still can be a democracy based on equality, but the need for support now is critical. Please act immediately to access these funds. Our citizens and I thank you for your action to benefit our state and its people.

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CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: I have an 86-year-old cousin by marriage who has been suffering from Parkinson’s disease for maybe 10 years. She is a widow who was able to manage on her own with a walker but a few years ago she became totally wheelchair bound and dependent on assistance to be able to remain in her apartment. Remaining at home and independent is critical for her. She had cobbled together a small network of independent care givers who have been helping her to remain comfortable in her apartment and getting out occasionally. As her meager funds were diminishing, her daughter and I were able to get her needed Medicaid services, including delivered meals, but she lost one of her beloved care givers who was not willing to work for what Medicaid pays. She deserves to live with dignity in her own apartment with the care she needs without the fear of being displaced. For these reasons and many more, I support the $400 B for Medicaid HCBS!

Name: Susan Pfeifer
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: My dear friend Sascha Bittner was born with cerebral palsy and a speech defect. She has spent most of her life in a wheelchair. Several years ago she was diagnosed with cancer and spent 3 months in the hospital. Sascha lives a full life, currently as a delegate to the California State Democratic Party where she was just appointed as a Co-Chair of the very important Legislative Committee. She is about to be elected as Vice-Chair of the party's Disability Caucus. Sascha is a vibrant, intelligent, productive woman, but without the caregivers who help her bathe and dress each day, she could not enjoy the active productive life she leads and we would be deprived of her amazing spirit.

Name: Susan Pfeifer
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Everyone has a right to have healthcare at home in their older years without using all their income and retirement funds and shouldn't have to live in an institution.

I had help at home after a surgery and had to borrow money to pay for it.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

My mother in her later years lived alone, was having health and mobility issues and was no longer driving. She was already living in a senior retirement apartment but at the time it did not provide “assisted living” services. She passed away in 2007 at age 94 just for some time context.

She was able to arrange for eight (8) hours of in-home care for basic needs, companionship and transportation to the doctor and a few other social events. Although she could have used more hours, the care was expensive and she could not afford it.

My mother had a “long-term care” policy that helped but it was very limited in the services it covered and provided.

I have always kept this in the back of my mind and hopefully have learned from her experience.

Longevity seems to run in my immediate family. I hope that I will continue to be healthy and independent for as many years as possible. Having said that, I can foresee a time when I will require some help. My first choice would be in-home care so I could stay in my home and neighborhood where I have lived in since 1983. I am keeping my fingers crossed!

I urge you to include the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act.

SUSAN A. HAMMER
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

My step kids' grandmother came at risk when, at the age of 95 she had to face the fact that her son would retire and move away to the desert. That left her maxed out and dependent on only two days of home care help when she needed at least daily assistance.

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CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:
My 95-year-old mother still lives at home and that means so much for her. She is still able to take care of herself, cook meals and maintain her house—with minimal help from me and my sisters and a couple of her grandkids. Should she not be able to do these things due to illness or disability, she would hate to be sent to a live-in or in-patient facility for care. She is comfortable in her home; she loves her garden and is surrounded by so many memories. It would be so much harder for her, and so much more expensive, if she could not receive care at home.

Name: Margaret Shelleda
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When I had my right eye replaced, my doctor wanted me to be at my home, so he placed a red hospital bed with velvet curtains as pretty as any, since my insurance was too high. I wasn’t able to have something without paying out of pocket, which was more than I could afford. The result was that friends and family dropped in to see me to be sure I had food and water.

Five years later, I had my left eye replaced and I was sent to a “rest home,” It was paid for by Medicare, but was old, leaky, stark and cold and the food was so awful I had to stand there.

Staying at home, even negative, was better. I regained health and was happier and more comfortable. I would have been recovering faster at home rather than at “the home.”

Nan Brauer
My sister, who is 81, has advanced Parkinson's and dementia. Her husband of 65 years just died. My sister needs 24 hour care. Without IHSS paid caretakers, she would be lost and have to leave her home of 60 years and go to an assisted living place. She would be lost if she had to do this. Caretakers need to be well trained and well paid. This $400 Billion for HCBS will go a long way to allow my sister and so many other seniors to live and age in dignity and for their caretakers to earn a living wage.
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:
I will never forget my mother's doctor's words to me. He looked me right in the eye and told me that "She no longer can live alone. It's too dangerous."
It was Mom's regular annual checkup and the doctor sensed that she was not following the conversation. So, he started to ask her simple questions. "Where do you live?" "Who is he?" (pointing to me, her son.) "What is my name?" (pointing to himself, the doctor she has seen many times before.) Mom had difficulty with each of the questions. That's when the doctor knew that she had developed a cognitive impairment, which was later diagnosed as Alzheimer's disease.
What was I to do? I couldn't look after her 24/7 because I worked. And getting her into an assisted living facility would take time. That's when I was so relieved to find an in-home care agency with trained professionals who could look after my mother and keep her safe until I could find a more long-term care situation.
Unfortunately, a lot of people don't have the resources to do what I could for their own mothers, fathers and family members. So many people have no other option than to leave their work altogether to care for their aging parents and other family members. HCBS is so desperately needed to provide people with a safety net that will take care of those in need and not force their family members into personal bankruptcy in the process.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:
There isn't anyone to help me. It's me and a dog. I have aortic aneurysm and it is challenging to lift anything. My bedroom is on the second floor. What am I to do in a bad situation? Just cleaning is so exhausting—I have to do a little bit at time and some things I can no longer do, like pulling out the couch.

I have a friend who has offered to help me out, but she doesn’t drive, and it isn't worth it for me to drive through traffic back and forth to go pick her up. My friend needs her own homecare as I see it.

Homecare would decrease my worry about caring for the house. I've been cooking for myself less because I'm just exhausted. I could deal with daily needs better if I had some help.

Homecare workers need to be paid well so they are committed and motivated to do their jobs, so they treated as professionals with respect. Pay is form of respect for the services given. It is a measure of worth.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

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Name: Cheryl Washington
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:
We need pay right the money. Care giving Rent High Medical Benifit to High and some people don't for food or clothing Housing. If I was in the hospital I need this Service HHSS. The HHSS program is Important to though out USA. We get have get old one day.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:
My mother had to buy long-term care insurance and spent many thousands of dollars on it over the years. Then in her late 90's and living in an assisted care facility she was no longer able to dress herself, or do other activities of daily living. The insurance said she was unable to receive coverage because she was in assisted care, even though she did not pay for an individual carer to assist as well. So, she spent all that money on insurance, and still had to pay down her savings.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:
I have worked mostly in private sector for 40 years with no pension. I am my main income as of 83 yrs. If I become ill I need a home care provider I could not afford. Only my family could care for me & others like me who worked for years. Please this Bill. Thank you.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: I am an union organizer/member and I support HCBS because I want long-term care for all Californians who are in need.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: I am really interested in stem cell research because my mom passed away during Bush's presidency, and he was blocking the scientist and physicians from progressing with the research concerning stem cells. If they were available then like they are today my mother would still be here. So support stem cell research, so it can become an option even at our personal physicians office.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:
I have parents that are in their 70's as well as my in-laws. So I worry about their care as they get to that age of needing long-term healthcare workers in home supportive care. I'm in my early 50's and truly worry about whether long-term care will even be available when I need it.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: My 78 year old mother, who lives in Homestead, FLA, cannot get home care. I can't believe that she can't get some home care. But she reminds me that her community is made up of modest to low income retirees who present the county's service providers with more requests for assistance than they can respond to. I am not able to pay for the care that might be privately available. I am greatly distressed by her situation, and would look for a way to get her needs for care attended to.

BARRY, 81 years old

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

In the future, I may need in-home care services. I want these services to be available to me and to other senior and disabled people. I had a friend who needed in-home care services because of a vision impairment and COPD. This person has since passed away.

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CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

All of will need assistance at home at some point. Because of the lack of home care my friend had to have his wife, an Alzheimer's patient, placed in a memory care home at the cost of $9,000/mo. His wife died alone there.

Name: Bill Klinke
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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: My name is Michelle Sanders. I've been a home healthcare worker since October 2005. I've worked part-time with many IHSS recipients. I worked with my first client for 15 years. As a Caregiver I've always had to have multiple clients in order to make ends meet. I stay in this business because I genuinely care about the people I work for and it gives me pleasure to add to their quality of life. Everyone deserves to be treated equal regardless of their financial status. My mother was disabled in 2017 and is now a recipient of IHSS. This is a very much needed Program. There is no way we could afford to pay people to take care of her. Thank you.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

My 98-year-old mother lived by herself as long as possible. She needed home care during her last ten years. At first only a little, but more and more through the years until she finally passed.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: My brother, David, is autistic and needs 24 hour care. As one of his caregivers, I struggle with low pay and we cannot find enough people to cover all the shifts. It would help us a lot if we were paid a living wage for our work.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:
My daughter is living with a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Following a motor vehicle accident, she is a victim of drunk driving. This can happen to anyone. My goal is for her to become more independent and to live with integrity. I am her full-time caregiver and will fight for all caregivers to receive fair compensation, right to benefits and quality care for our recipients.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

I am a in-home care worker, my client was very ill, trying to get himself together. a friend former drug user, could not get due to hard, world sit & piece & boo bos on it's really need more money. He did pass away due ining Covid 19

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CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: Please pass this bill Dorothy m. Grate

Name: Dorothy m. Grate
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Phone: (510) 832-5514
CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: I am taking care of my 91 year old mother part time. As her needs increase, I am concerned about finding quality and affordable long term care for her. It is an enormous challenge.

Name: Fay Wong
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Story:

My mother-in-law was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and without home care she was placed in a skilled nursing facility much to my father-in-laws lament. I witnessed the true heartbreak it caused her son, my husband Jesse. As much as we tried to visit and create joy we could see the sadness in her beautiful face surrounded a cloud of silver hair.

I believe #Care is Essential #Care is Humanity in motion.
#Care Can't Wait

Name: Maria Guillen
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I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: We need somebody to help us to build the care we need who help us to build this carewe need help we all need help when we get old, we need this program for our fellow humans we are so important for others I lost help each other.

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I started caregiving when I was 15 my grandma got sick with cancer. So I started working for her. Then 7 years ago I worked in an elderly home. Now 4 years I am an ihss worker. And I love helping the elderly.

Your Name: Sheree Utterback
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As the husband of a caregiver, I’ve seen firsthand the need and importance of caregivers. As a healthcare professional, it’s heartbreaking to see the struggle of these hardworking individuals as working poor.

Your Name: Jacobo Hill
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Good pay and benefits for homecare workers helps our family member to find a homecare worker when our family member needs it. Home care can be a difficult job, and good pay and benefits encourages the worker to stay on the job.

Your Name: Richard Marlowe
Your Organization: SEIU 2015 union member
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#ElCuidadoEsEsencial

¿Por qué es importante para usted el acceso al cuidado en el hogar? ¿Por qué es importante para usted que los trabajadores del cuidado en el hogar reciban un buen pago y beneficios?

¡Sea uno de los 400 testimonios que se entregarán a los miembros del Congreso para demostrar la necesidad de una inversión de $400 mil millones en Servicios Basados en el Hogar y la Comunidad!

Escriba 2-3 oraciones respondiendo las siguientes preguntas:

- ¿Cuál es su relación con los servicios basados en el hogar y la comunidad? (¿Es usted un usuario del cuidado en el hogar, un proveedor de cuidado familiar, un proveedor de cuidado profesional, etc.?)
- ¿Por qué es importante para usted el acceso al cuidado en el hogar? O bien, ¿por qué es importante para usted un buen pago y beneficios para los trabajadores del cuidado en el hogar?

Es importante porque because the people need the help and its important to have good wages and benefits.

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Su Organización:
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TRANSLATED STORIES
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我是護理員，我家人需要護理員的照顧。護理工作者的高薪和福利可以保障護理員的工作可以維持生活。

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I am a caregiver. My family member needs a caregiver's support. Caregiver's wages and benefit increases can secure caregiver's work and sustain their lives.

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我的名字：Aria

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I am a home caregiver, playing a very important role in consumer’s in-home support. Old people need our help for their daily living, grocery shopping, cooking, house cleaning, personal hydrogen, taking a walk with them, massaging them for blood circulation to recover their body, which helped old people avoid taking some of the medicine and its cost, so there should be an increase to caregiver’s wage and benefit.

Your Name: Shujing Jin  
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Agree!

Your Name: FA CHAO
Your Organization: X
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同意！

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I am taking care of the elderly living by themselves in the community because taking care of them is so important without family members.

Because I provided good service to old people, saved many social costs, and made them have more dignity being taken care of.

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Your Name: Yueh Pi Chang
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我現在我社區照顧獨居老人，因為沒有家人照顧他們更為重要。我為照顧老人良好的照顧，節省社會成本，更能讓他們更有尊嚴的受照顧。

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With the living standard so high in the Bay area, People working for living care definitely need high pay; of course, caregiving is very important for older people.

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Your Organization: Alameda SEIU 2015  
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My grandparent has a mental health issue, and he needs 24 hours care. He is over 95 years old, and he needs many help& support in life. So, my family needs in-home care to take care of my grandparent indeed.

Your Name: Pang Kuo Hsueh
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Very important, it can reduce the family burden and help those in need.

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非常重要，可以減輕家庭負擔和幫助有需要的人

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我是護理員，照顧行動不便、生活需要幫助的人群。他們如果離開我們，他們的生活就會有問題。我覺得我們的工作很重要。我也參加了許多的志工和團體的活動。在一次活動中，我認識了一位非常特殊的人。他告訴我，他非常感謝我們的幫助。我感到非常開心，因為我們能夠幫助他們。我會繼續努力，為他們提供最好的護理。

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I am a caregiver. I am taking care of a mother, 97 years old, with mobility problems, including cooking, bathing, and seeing doctors on and off wheelchairs; $15/hour is very low!

Your Name: Wendy Jeng
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我是家庭護理員，我在照顧97歲行動不便的母親，包括煮飯、洗澡、看醫生，上下輪椅，$15/hour太少了！

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I am a caregiver. In-home support can help the people who need it and provide convenience and good quality of life to them; however, properly increasing caregiver's wage is important. It is a kind of support and respect to our work.

Your Name: Connie
Your Organization: IHSS
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我捐款，希望工作可以幫助有需要的人，為他們提供便利和好結果。這也是很重要的，是對我們工作人員的支持和對我們工作付出重視。

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I am a CNA.

Higher wage and benefit for the In-home support work is very important to us.

Your Name: Mei Yang
Your Organization: 
Zip Code: CA 95050
Email: 
Phone number: 510-816-9856
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我是一位護理员

家庭護理工作的高薪福利對我很重要。

你的名字： Mei Yen

您的組織：

郵政編碼： CA 95050

電子郵件：

電話號碼： 510-876-9876
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The home caregiver is essential in society; it is necessary to increase wages and benefits.

Your Name: Nianhong Zuo
Your Organization: Union
Zip Code: CA 95116
Email: zuonianhong@aliyun.com
Phone number: 6505755823
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家庭护理应是社会工作不可或缺的一部分，所以高薪和福利是应该的。
我是家庭护理员。

你
的名字：Nianbong Zuo
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電子郵件：ZuoNianbong@niyun.com
電話號碼：650-575-5823
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Home Care workers’ higher wages can
1. pay rent or mortgage that they can afford
2. higher quality in life
3. pay child’s education expense
4. save for retirement

Your Name: Wang Xinlong
Your Organization: Santa Clara
Zip Code: 
Email: 
Phone number: 408 218 6494
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  1. 護理工作者的高薪可以
     1. 付房租或房貸，買得起房子
     2. 比較好的生活品質
     3. 支付小孩子的教育費用
     4. 存退休基金

你的名字：Wang Xinlong

您的組織：Saita Clara

郵政編碼：

電子郵件：

電話號碼：408-208-6494
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I take care of my father-in-law. If without my care, his late age of life would be unfortunate. Because of this work, I make him feel comfortable and family happy because a family member is taking care of him; he can rest assured; therefore, in-home support is so important.

Your Name: Junmei Yan
Your Organization: Alameda County
Zip Code: 94612
Email: 
Phone number: 510-388-2138
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我照顧公公，如果沒有我的照顧，他的晚年會不好。因為有了這個工作，才令他身心舒暢，家庭幸福。因為家人的照顧更令他放心，所以家護理很重要！！

你的名字： Juimei Yan
您的組織： AA指委會
郵政編碼： 94642
電子郵件：
電話號碼： 510-388-213
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I am an IHSS worker. I need this job very much to survive in life, so higher wage and benefit is important for me, it is the basic security of life.

Your Name: Lihong Duan
Your Organization: SEIU 2015
Zip Code: 94612
Email: 920625230@qq.com
Phone number: 510-836-7508
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我是HSS工作者，我很需要這份工作，以維持生活。所以護理工作者的高薪和福利對我很重要。是安身立命之本。

你的名字：LIHONG DUAN
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I am a provider. I take care of my mother. She is low income. She is also no more to hire a provider to take care of her, and then she needs to benefit from IHSS, and I also need money for supporting my life. Therefore, I can take care of my mother. I hope $20/hour because the prices are getting higher and higher.

Your Name: Jiameng Peng
Your Organization: IHSS
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Email: 1206765245@qq.com
Phone number: 510-599-2852
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你的名字：
您的組織：
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Life, medical care, and retirement are important.

I suggest increasing the wage to $20/hour.

Your Name: Lisa
Your Organization: Alameda Union SEIU Local 2015
Zip Code: 94501
Email: 
Phone number:
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是 为 生 活 医 疗 体 休 是 重 要

建議工資如 $20/h

你的名字:
您的組織: Alameda. 2/2, SEIU Local 2015.
郵政編碼:
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電話號碼:
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I am a CNA. America needs caregiving workers. I am one of them. It is very important to have a caregiver; however, a caregiver can easily expose to disease, sometimes can get yelled at by the patients. All of these are suffering, so $20/hour is respect and protection to caregiving workers. Thank you!

Your Name: Chao Li
Your Organization:
Zip Code:
Email: lichaousa888@gmail.com
Phone number: 415-967-8629
寫 2-3 個句子回答以下問題:

- 您與家庭和社區服務有什麼聯繫？( 您是家庭護理的消費者、家庭護理員、專業護理員嗎？等) 我是志工護理員 CNNA
- 為什麼獲得家庭護理對您很重要？或者，為什麼家庭護理工作者的高薪和福利對您很重要？

美國需要好的護理工作者，我想其中一項，護理工作很苦，先打小可都會被染上疾病，有時候會被患者打罵。這些我都是經歷過。所以我20$/h時是對我們的護理工作者都非常和愛。 HELP! 

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I am a caregiver. I take care of my father with dementia. My work is very hard, just as hard as the nurse.

Your Name: Hui Qing Liang
Your Organization: 94601
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Email: 310.708.0318
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我是一名家庭護理員，我照顧患有老人癡呆的父親。我們的工作是非常辛苦的，而且我們的工作與護士一樣重要。

你的名字：Hai Qing Liang
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My son and I are caregivers of Santa Clara County.  
Without an IHSS caregiver job, we will lose income and health insurance.

Thanks for investing in care!

Your Name: Qiong Huang  
Your Organization: Santa Clara County  
Zip Code: 94089  
Email: qionghuanglily@hotmail.com  
Phone number: 650.224.5438
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您的組織：Santa Clara County
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¿Por qué es importante para usted el acceso al cuidado en el hogar? ¿Por qué es importante para usted que los trabajadores del cuidado en el hogar reciban un buen pago y beneficios?

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Escriba 2-3 oraciones respondiendo las siguientes preguntas:

- ¿Cuál es su relación con los servicios basados en el hogar y la comunidad? (¿Es usted un usuario del cuidado en el hogar, un proveedor de cuidado familiar, un proveedor de cuidado profesional, etc.?)
- ¿Por qué es importante para usted el acceso al cuidado en el hogar? O bien, ¿por qué es importante para usted un buen pago y beneficios para los trabajadores del cuidado en el hogar? **Por el cuidado hacia ellos**

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Home care home base services is essential because it provides quality care for those that need it.

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Su Nombre: Porfiria Aguilar Sanchez
Su Organización: 
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Correo Electrónico: porfiria1974
Número de Teléfono: 5108275474
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Soy proveedora de cuidado en casa y para mí es importante un buen pago y beneficios para que toda la gente que sea proveedora de este servicio se trate con justicia, respeto y equidad por la gran labor que desempeña.

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Su Nombre: Letitha Rivasplata
Su Organización: SEIU 2015
Código Postal: 94587
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Número de Teléfono: 510-435-9063

I'm a home care home base worker and for me it is important that we are paid fair and just wages and be able to have access to health benefits. We provide very, very essential work and its only fair that we are treated with respect, justice and equality.
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Para tener el mejor accion
Para cuidar a los clientes
y la ayuda por que el trabajo
de cuidado en casa es tan, importante
Por el producto de mi propio

Su Nombre:
Su Organización: 
Código Postal: 49575
Correo Electrónico: 
Número de Teléfono: (501) 861-144

Home services are essential to be able to provide quality care to our clients. Personally I provide this service to my son.
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Yo soy Proveedora de cuidado para personas que necesitan cuidados en casa, me siento y me satisface enormemente como ser humano, me complace brindar mis cuidados a esas personas pero también creo que es muy importante de que se nos reconozca a nivel salarial ya que hoy por hoy la situación económica está muy alejada al salario mínimo que tenemos ahora mismo.

Su Nombre: Silvia González
Su Organización: IHS
Código Postal: 94604
Correo Electrónico:
Número de Teléfono: (510) 508-3824

I'm a home care home base worker. I feel a great satisfaction being able to care for someone in need. I also feel that we need to be recognize for hard work by allowing us to earn fair wages. Presently we earn way below of what is needed to make ends meet.
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Yo soy un proveedor de cuidado a personas mayores. Es importante un buen pago porque mi situación es que tengo y estoy saliendo en victoria de cáncer de seno y pago mis gastos de Aseguranz Médica y de una hija sus gastos porque esta estu-

diando medicina general en México.

Su Nombre: Luz Imelda Reynaga.
Su Organización: IHSS SIEU 2015
Código Postal: 94601
Correo Electrónico: luzime46@gmail.com
Número de Teléfono: (510) 504-5403

I'm a home care worker for the elderly. I need to be able to earn fair and sustainable wages as I have medical bills due the cancer I had in the past. I also have to provide for my daughter who is in college studying Medicine in Mexico.
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Mi interés en cuidar personas es servirles con mucho amor y previsión y atenderles lo más que necesiten. Es un gusto ayudar a cocineros a hacer su limpieza para la persona lo más que necesite.

Gracias,

Su Nombre: María Macías
Su Organización: HHES SIEU 2015
Cód. Postal: 94549
Correo Electrónico: Tenesa Macias@gmail.com
Número de Teléfono: 510 1335-2469

I love to provide great service to my clients. I work with love, patience and try to provide help with whatever they may need. For example, I clean and cook for my clients and help in other various tasks.
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Soy un proveedor de cuidado en el hogar. Estos cuidados son esenciales para las personas que odian la edad y también para nosotros, los trabajadores.

Su Nombre: Margarita Hurtado
Su Organización: SIEEU 2015
Código Postal: SIEEU 2015
Correo Electrónico:
Número de Teléfono: (510) 599-0585

I'm a homecare home base worker. These services are essential and important specially for the elderly as well as for workers like myself.
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Para mí es muy importante el servicio en el hogar porque uno puede tener una mejor atención a una persona de uno a uno.

Su Nombre:

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For me home services are important because one has better care and the care is personalized. We are able to form relationships with the clients/patients that benefits their health. The relationships built are so strong that one almost becomes family.
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Yo soy un proveedor de cuidado en casa y es importante este programa de cuidado en casa por la razón que hay muchas personas que necesitan el cuidado y no pueden pagar. Y para nosotros que trabajamos necesitamos horas y más sueldo para poder sobrevivir.

Su Nombre: 
Su Organización:
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gracias por su apoyo

I'm a homecare home base worker. This job is extremely important today because there is so many persons that need care, yet they are not able to afford it. As workers we need to be able to earn fair and sustainable wages to make ends meet as everything is very expensive.
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Mi nombre es María Ochoa, viude de mi país Guatemala en diciembre 2001 por tierra, dejando a mis hijos difíciles de dejar y cruzar el árido México y luego conseguir trabajo en este país en trabajos de limpieza de casas y falso por mejorar la vida de mis hijos y todavía no tengo documentos pero en dos próximos años.

Su Nombre:
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My name is Maria Ochoa. I migrated from Guatemala in December 2001 by land. I left behind 4 children. Leaving my children was a very hard thing to do and then to cross the Mexican border was also very hard. I was able to find a job here cleaning houses, and I did all of this to be able to have a better life and to provide for my children back home. I still do not have my papers, but trust in God that this will soon change for me.
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Para mí es importante porque de eso manto tengo mis hijos y monte a mi madre que está en mi país y está enferma.

Su Nombre: Helen Merlo
Su Organización: Colectiva de Mujeres
Código Postal: 
Correo Electrónico: helenmerlo2305moil.com
Número de Teléfono: 915 875 0990

For me it (essential homecare) is important because its my profession and with this job I provide for my daughter and mother who is in my native country ill.
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Para mí es muy importante tener un sueldo estable para no preocuparme por buscar otro empleo y así poder estar cierto por siempre cuidando a la persona y darle un cuidado seguro y digno.

Su Nombre: María Aguilar
Su Organización: Colectiva de Mujeres
Código Postal: 94112
Correo Electrónico: mariaaguilar@acolectiva.com
Número de Teléfono: 415-240-2404

For me it is very important to be able to earn a good wage so that I don't have to worry to look for a second job and be able to 100% take care of my clients by providing quality care.
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La limpieza es muy esencial ya que nuestra salud se pone en riesgo si no mantenemos limpia nuestra casa.

Su Nombre: Rosa González
Su Organización: Colectiva de Mujeres de San Francisco Ca
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Cleanliness is essential because our health is jeopardized if a home is not well cleaned.
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Soy una proveedora de cuidado en el hogar para mi es importante el acceso al cuidado en el hogar porque ayudo a personas a quedarse en el lugar donde viven y estén a gusto es importante para mí recibir un buen pago y beneficios y así poder proveer el cuidado necesario con amor y calidad.

Su Nombre: Amelia Lopez
Su Organización: IHSS/SAVU 2015
Código Postal: 94124
Correo Electrónico: lopezame78@gmail.com
Número de Teléfono: 415 699-3667

I'm a homecare worker that provides service in home for clients. In home services are essential because we help people stay in their homes, where they live more comfortably and at peace. It is important that I receive a just and fair wage and health benefits to be able to give quality care and love to my patients/clients.
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Y el cuidador personas en sus hogares
y fue gusta sin ganar más. Es muy importante
por que cada 5 minutos una persona en el
hogar necesita cuidado

Su Nombre: Marta Luna
Su Organización: SEUVA15
Código Postal: 94102
Correo Electrónico: marta_luna15@gmail.com
Número de Teléfono: (415) 374-4481

I take care of persons in their own homes and would like to earn more. Its important because studies show that 5 five minutes another person will require in home care.
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Morelia Balan

Necesito un trabajo justo

Dinero y bien pagado con Rumbos a la ciudadanía

Su Nombre: Morelia Balan
Su Organización:  
Código Postal:  
Correo Electrónico:  
Número de Teléfono: 415 724 3957

I need to be able to earn a just and fair salary with pathway to citizenship.
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Mi Nombre es Mario Arreola, vivo en San Francisco. Soy miembro colectivo de mujeres de San Francisco. Soy trabajador del hogar, limpio casa y cuento niños. Es importante por mi cuidado a largo plazo. Es muy importante un seguro médico las trabajadoras necesitan un trabajo justo y legal pagado.

Su Nombre: Maria Arreola
Su Organización: Colectivo Mujeres San Francisco
Código Postal: 94124
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Número de Teléfono: (415) 902-2157

My name is Maria Arreola from San Francisco and I'm a member of the Women's Collective. I'm a homecare worker that cleans homes and takes cares of children. It's important that I have access to long-term support services and have health benefits for all homecare workers. We also need to be able to earn fair and sustainable wages.
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Una Técnica

Nesito un trabajo justo
y bien pago por que lo merecemos

Su Nombre:
Su Organización: La Colab para los Nichos
Código Postal:
Correo Electrónico:
Número de Teléfono: 415 792 7183

I need a job that pays fair wages as we deserve it, with a path to citizenship.
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Una persona de cuidado al hogar es importante pues cuidamos a la persona que necesita de nuestra ayuda.

Su Nombre: MARTHA CALVAN
Su Organización: SEIU 15
Código Postal: 94160
Correo Electrónico: martha.calvan@1006@gmail.com
Número de Teléfono: (510) 472-1134

An essential homecare worker is important because we take care of person that need our help.
CARE CAN'T WAIT
I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: Mi Nombre es Sabrina Hernandez, soy trabajadora del hogar vivo en San Francisco. Es importante para mi el cuidado en mi salud y es esencial para todas las trabajadoras. Las trabajadoras son el eje fundamental aqui en la comunidad. Necesitamos que pase la ley SB321 y también necesitamos un trabajo justo y digno para mostrar las trabajadoras y un camino a la ciudadanía.

My name is Sabrina Hernandez and I'm a homecare worker that lives in SF. It is important for me to take care of myself and I believe the health of all homecare workers is also important. Homecare workers are the essential axis in our communities, therefore its important that SB321 is passed. We also need just and fair wages and a path to citizenship.

Name: Sabina Hernandez
Email: 
Phone: (215) 573-4690
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: Soy trabajadora del hogar

necesito un trabajo justo y bien

Pagado con rumbo a la ciudadanía

I'm a home base worker and need a job that will provide fair and sustainable wages with a path to citizenship.

Name: Erma Isidoro
Email: ____________________________
Phone: (224) 465-1480
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Soy una trabajadora del hogar y es muy importante un buen paga para poder dar mas que el maximo de nuestro esfuerzo ya que ambas partes nos beneficamos, y al obtener un sueldo puedo ayudar a mi familia.

Su Nombre: Claudia
Su Organización: La Colectiva de Mujeres
Código Postal: 94110
Correo Electrónico: 
Número de Teléfono: 415-678-9588

I'm a homecare home base worker and its extremely important for me to be able to earn a fair wage so that I can in return give my all, so that both the caregiver and clients benefit. If I'm able to earn a fair wage I will be able to provide for my family.
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Soy trabajadora del hogar. Necesito un pago justo para solventar los gastos de mi hogar de mi familia.

Su Nombre: Josefina
Su Organización: La Colectiva de Mujeres
Código Postal: 94110
Correo Electrónico: 
Número de Teléfono: (415) 504-0937

I'm a homecare worker that needs to be able to earn a fair wage to be able to make ends-meet of my family.
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Hola. Mi nombre es Gloria Torres, soy miembro de la colectiva de Mujeres de San Francisco CA. Es muy importante que sea acceso al cuidado para mí y mi familia así como para todas las trabajadoras del hogar. Como el beneficio es muy importante para un retiro.

Su Nombre: [Nombre]
Su Organización: [Organización]
Código Postal: 94104
Correo Electrónico: [Correo Electrónico]
Número de Teléfono: (415) 410-1675

Hi my name is Gloria Torres and I'm a member of the Women's Collective of San Francisco CA. It is extremely important that we receive this support as care for us, our families and everyone is very important. Having fair wages and good benefits as a pension is also very important for me.
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Mi nombre es Nancy Hernández soy miembro de la colectiva de mujeres en San Francisco California soy trabajadora del hogar limpio

Casas la importancia para mi del cuidado a largo plazo es muy importante para mí por que en algún futuro la persona que tenga que ayudarme tenga un buen pago y un justo con los años que tengo aquí es muy importante algo para rumbo a la ciudadanía

Su Nombre: Nancy Hernández
Su Organización: La colectiva de mujeres
Código Postal: 94111
Correo Electrónico: Nancy Sanchez 0389@gmail.com
Número de Teléfono: 415 596 3815

My name is Nancy Hernandez and I'm a member of the Women's Collective of San Francisco, CA. I'm a homecare worker where I clean houses. For me having access to long-term support services is very important because I know that in the future someone will need to help me by taking care of me. I want to make sure that person who will take care of me will earn a fair wage, as for me I would like to see congress pave a way for citizenship for us essential workers.
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Cuido pacientes o adultos mayores, estudio mucho para darles a cada persona, Respeto, Cariño, lealtad. Confort, cuidar su individualidad; nutrición, terapia física, apoyo emocional, y compañía al 100% para salvaguardar su vida y entorno, elevar su calidad de vida y autoestima.

Su Nombre: Silvia Campos
Su Organización: Colectiva de Mujeres
Código Postal: 94103
Correo Electrónico: campossilvia565@gmail.com
Número de Teléfono: 415 235 2286

I take care of an elderly person. I study a lot to be able to give each person, respect, care, love, loyalty, comfort, emotional support, and give them my undivided attention 100% by taking care of the individuality and nutrition while also giving therapy to help guard their lives and elevate their quality of life and self-esteem.
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Mi nombre es María Gamino. Colectiva de Mujeres de San Francisco. Nuestra colección centra servicios basados en que como trabajadora del hogar es muy importante que tengamos beneficios y un buen pago ya que nosotros no tenemos mismos beneficios.

Su Nombre: María Gamino
Su Organización: Colectiva de Mujeres de San Francisco CA
Código Postal: 94110
Correo Electrónico:
Número de Teléfono: 415 240 06 10

My name is Maria Gamino and I belong to the Women’s Collective of San Francisco, CA. My goal is that we can obtain fair wages and health benefits for all care workers as we currently do not have at this time.
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Mi nombre es Beatriz Hernandez, colectiva de mujeres de San Francisco CA. Mi conexión con los servicios basados son que como trabajadora del hogar es muy importante que tengamos beneficios y un buen pago ya que nosotros no tenemos ningún y por esa razón es hora de que ates los trabajados nos tomen en cuenta y tengamos un pogg digno para todos.

Su Nombre: Beatriz Hernandez
Su Organización: colectiva de mujeres de San Francisco CA
Código Postal: 94110
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Número de Teléfono: (415) 596-41814

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My name is Beatriz Hernandez and I'm apart of the Women's Collective of San Francisco, CA. I'm a care worker and I believe that its extremely important that we have health benefits and just wages as we currently do not have now. This is why its important that you hear our stories today and provide for us fair wages for all.
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It is essential our work and its also essential that we earn a just wage as should all human beings should.

Su Nombre: Mayrol Uribe
Su Organización: Colectiva de Mujeres San Francisco CA
Código Postal: MayrolUribeAguilar@gmail.com
Correo Electrónico: (415) 741 41 29
Número de Teléfono: es importante que nos cuenten todos merecemos un salario justo somos seres humanos
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Rosy Rios soy proveedor y mi relación con las personas es muy interesante porque en cada una encuentro el rostro de Dios:

Es muy importante que las personas reciban este servicio y a los que provienen el servicio tener un buen salario. Dios les bendiga.

Su Nombre: Rosy Rios
Su Organización: Roga Rios
Código Postal: 94520
Correo Electrónico: Rosyrios67@gmail.com
Número de Teléfono: 925) 334-84119

I'm Rosy Rios and I'm a care worker. My relationship with every person that I provide care for is very interesting as I'm able to see God's face. It is important that our clients get the best service possible and that we earn a just wage. God bless you.
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La razón que me gusta es por que 
porque son personas que me sirven de uno y ganan a dios por que podemos ayudar y trabajo con una señora que tiene mucho progreso.

Su Nombre:
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The reason I love my job it is because I give help to persons that need our help. I give thanks to God that we are able to help those in need. I personally work with a lady that has a lot of problems. Thank you!
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- Sí, cuido a mi hijo, y también a una anciana. Soy proveedor de servicios de IHSS.
- Porque son personas con Capacidades que necesitan para tener una calidad de vida. Debemos tener un sueldo, y por ello debemos también tener buenos beneficios.

Su Nombre: Aunía Bazan.
Su Organización: 
Código Postal: 94520.
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Número de Teléfono: 925 3544510.

*Yes, I take care of my son and an elderly person. I am an IHSS care provider.
*It is important to provide in home support services to the elderly and persons with disabilities because they also need to be able live a quality life. As a care worker we need fair and sustainable wages as we do a very essential job and our work is provided by us sacrificing a lot of ourselves and providing quality care. This is why we need good wages and health benefits as well.
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Mi nombre es Carlos Castro. Y es muy importante para mí recibir cuidado en casa porque tengo 70 años y soy deshabilitado por más de 20 años y es importante que se les pague muy bien a las trabajadoras para que tengan suficiente para sobrevivir.

Su Nombre: 
Su Organización: 
Código Postal: 
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My name is Carlos Castro and its extremely important for me to receive care at my home since I’m 70 years old and I’ve been disabled for 20 years. It is important that the people who care for me are paid fair and dignified wages so that they can survive.
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Soy proveedora en el Hogar.
Quiero que me gobierne para poder alquilar mi renta, gas, billetes, teléfono, P. O. E.

I am a homecare home base worker. I want our wages to improve so that I’m able to pay my rent, gas, my utility bills, phone bill and my other bills.

Su Nombre: Iroma Hernandez
Su Organización: 2013, Laura Chavez.
Código Postal: 95695
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1. Proveedor de cuidado en el hogar
2. Es muy importante somos importantes en el cuidado de los familiares y cuidado de calidad y proteger a los más vulnerables.

Su Nombre: Patricia Ornelas
Su Organización: 
Código Postal: 95616
Correo Electrónico: 
Número de Teléfono: 1-916-549-21-66

1. Provide care at home.
2. We play an important role in taking care of our loved ones that need quality care as we protect those that are most vulnerable.
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: Celia Arzate - 510-586-5992.

El motivo que vengo apoyar es para que las ayudas sigan para nuestro cuidado. Ya que es muy importante que seamos cuidados y pagados dignamente. Que nuestro seres queridos tengan en cuidado especial.

Gracias por el apoyo de los Gobernadores.

The reason I'm here providing my story is because we need to continue the support for homecare home base workers. It is highly important that we are taken care of properly and given fair and dignified wages so that we can provide quality service to all our loved ones. Thank you Speaker Pelosi and Senators for the support.

Name: Celia Arzate
Email: celiarzate@gmail.com
Phone: 510-586-5992
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I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Soy trabajadora IHSS, cuido a mi mama y es demasiado importante para que siga viva. Sus medicinas, sus cuidados y el dia a dia. Es duro pero sus vidas es lo mas importante.

Gracias.

I'm an IHSS worker that takes care of her mother. It is extremely important for me that my mother continues to live. Giving her all the medication, her daily care is extremely exhausting for me as her care worker, but her life is way more important. Thank you!

Name: Berta Vargas
Email: kevinita:p@hotmaill.com
Phone: 707 334 8349
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I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: 

mi nombre es Damaris Romero  
Soy trabajadora del hogar  
y quiero un trabajo Digno justo y  
bien pagado con rumbo a la  
ciudadanía  
Soy organización LA Colectiva  
San Francisco  

My name is Damaris Romero and I'm a homecare worker. I'm asking for a fair and just job that pays well so that we can eventually gain US citizenship. I'm also an organizer for the Women's Collective of San Francisco.

Name:  
Email:  
Phone:  

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: hola buenas Tardes
Les pedimos a Todos
un Trabajo Justo para
Todas las Trabajadoras del
hogar.

Hi! Good afternoon. I ask all of you to please provide a just and fair job for all homecare home base workers.

Name: Lucia
Email: Lucierlaco@vance.cen
Phone: (919) 933-9895
CARE CAN’T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story: Mi Nombre Flavia Pita Soy trabajador del hogar. La Unión hace la fuerza. Nuestra lucha nos llevará por el Camino de la Unidad, Dignidad, Respeto y trabajo y mejores salarios. Hoy y mañana.

My name is Flavia Pita and I’m a homecare worker. The union makes us strong! Our fight will lead us to a unified and dignified path that will provide good and fair wages today and in the future.

Name: Flavia Pita
Email: Flaviapita42@gmail.com
Phone: 4159332491
CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:  yo soy trabajadora desde hace 15 años
y apoyo a esta causa porque se hacemos un trabajo muy esencial
y necesitamos que apoyen a llegar a la meta de $400 billion

I've been a homecare worker for 15 years and I fully support this effort as we do a very essential job and we need the $400 billion to obtain our goal of providing fair and dignified wages to homecare home base workers.

Name: Carmen Rodriguez
Email: 
Phone: (510) 395-1629
Mi nombre es Martha Garrido, vivo en San Francisco, California, soy miembro de la Colectiva de Mujeres en San Francisco. Soy trabajadora del hogar, limpio casas y cuido personas adultas. Es importante, para mí, el cuidado a largo plazo. porque dará calidad de vida a las personas que cuidamos. y yo cuando sea mayor y alguien me cuide quiero que me cuide dignamente y envejecer con Amor tranquilidad y bien atendida. también esto ayudará que mi cuidadora tenga un salario digno. Y un trato justo, y muy importante un seguro médico. Las trabajadoras somos el eje fundamental, para que los empleadores puedan trabajar tranquilos mientras, nosotras cuidamos a sus padres, abuelos. y se van seguros de que los cuidamos con Amor. Porque yo en algún momento de mi vida. Quiero un cuidado digno, como hacemos las trabajadoras del hogar, y así vivir dignamente, gracias.

Martha Garrido
San Francisco, CA

My name is Martha Garrido, I live in San Francisco, California, and I'm a proud member of the Women's Collective of San Francisco. I'm a homecare worker, I clean houses and I also take care of the elderly. It is of extreme importance for me that we have long-term and support services because it will greatly improve the lives of the persons we care for. Also, when I age and become elderly I want to have someone that will care for me with love, dignity and provide superior care to me. Of course, it would be highly favorable that whoever cares for me also earns a fair and dignified wage. Us home care workers are the vital axis that makes everything run smoothly for our clients. Our clients go out to perform their jobs with no worries as they know that their loved ones (parents, grandparents and children) are being taken care of with respect and love by a respected hardworking homecare worker like myself. Thank you!
Mi nombre es Aminta Morales: Colectiva de Mujeres San Francisco C.A. Miconexión con los servicios basados en el hogar y la comunidad. Consiste en contribuir al bienestar del adulto mayor atendiendo con calidad y calidez sus necesidades. Las personas que se dedican a la asistencia y cuidado directo en su mayoría a adultos con enfermedades crónicas y discapacidades necesitan un salario justo y digno para poder compensar su gran trabajo.

Aminta Morales
San Francisco, CA

My name is Aminta Morales. I belong to the Women’s Collective of San Francisco, CA. This is where my connection for home base services comes from. I believe that one needs to provide a good well-being for the elderly. The people that dedicate their lives to helping the elderly and those with disabilities should receive a just and dignified wage.
Me llamo Cinthya Padilla, vivo en San Francisco, soy miembro de La Colectiva de Mujeres y he limpiado casas por tres años. Tengo un hijo en el espectro del autismo y con epilepsia que necesita supervisión constante en el hogar. Tener a un familiar que necesita cuidados constantes es cansado para las familias, por ese motivo es importante tener acceso a cuidadores del hogar y al mismo tiempo que ellos sean bien recompensados para que hagan bien este importante trabajo. Además cuando sea anciana no quiero ser una carga para mi familia. Me gustaría tener a alguien que me cuido bien y que esa persona esté feliz en su trabajo con muy buena remuneración. Gracias!

Cinthya Padilla
San Francisco, CA

My name is Cinthya Padilla, I live in San Francisco and I’m a member of the Women’s Collective and I’ve cleaned houses for the past 3 years. I have a son who is autistic that suffers from epileptic seizures and is in need of constant care at home. Having a family member that needs 24/7 care is very tiring for the entire family, that is why it is extremely important to have homecare home base services available to us, so that a load is lifted off the family. In the same manner it is also important that these persons that provide the care are compensated justly and adequately for their services. When I age and become a senior I do not want to be a burden to my family. I would love to have someone care for me and want that person to be happy at their job. Thank you!
Mi nombre es Evangelina vivo en San Francisco CA. Para mí es muy importante que como persona mayor o enfermera pueda tener la oportunidad de cuidado en casa y que la persona que haga este trabajo tenga un sueldo digno, porque es un trabajo difícil y de mucha responsabilidad.

Evangelina Tirado
San Francisco, CA

My name is Evangelino, I live in San Francisco CA. For me it is extremely important that as an older person or person with disabilities that I have the opportunity to be cared for in my own home and that the person who will provide this service to me is able to earn a just and dignified salary, as this job is a very labor intensive job with a huge responsibility.
Hola, mi nombre es Fabiola Ángeles, vivo en San Francisco Ca. Soy trabajadora del hogar, miembro de la Colectiva de mujeres. Para mí es un orgullo decir que soy trabajadora del hogar, cuidadora de niños y cuidadora de personas de la tercera edad, mi trabajo lo hago con mucho cariño y mucha dedicación. Me satisface dejar un excelente servicio, siempre he dicho que lo que me toque hacer, lo haré bien y uno tiene que dar lo mejor sea la devoción que sea. Si me toca barrer, barrer muy bien, si me toca cuidar, sonreír y ser amable. Siempre dando lo mejor de mí. Al igual por eso yo espero la misma respuesta, siempre el empleador agradecido y un pago justo. Creo que ambos ganamos al mismo tiempo yo dejando un buen trabajo y ellos recompensando con un salario justo.

Fabiola Ángeles
San Francisco, CA

Hi, my name is Fabiola Angeles, I live in San Francisco, CA. I'm a home care worker and member of the Women’s Collective. For me it is an honor to say that I’m a homecare worker, childcare caregiver and senior care worker. I do my work with a lot of love and dedication. It is my privilege to provide quality work/service to my clients as I believe one should always give our very best in whatever profession we undertake. If I’m assigned to sweep the floors, I will sweep the floors with excellence. If I’ve been tasked with taking care of someone I will always do it with a smile and always be courteous. I will always give it my best! I request the same respect and care from my clients, that they provide fair wages and treat me with dignity. I believe we both win when I work purposefully and my client/employer pays me a fair wage.
Soy cuidadora de pacientes desde hace más de 15 años. Y la importancia del cuidado en casa es que las personas se sienten confortable y seguras en su propia casa y con la familia se siente cuidados, amados y con nuestro apoyo que damos con respeto y dignidad cuando yo sea adulta mayor amí también me gustaría que alguien como yo me cuidara con mi propia casa y con amor respeto a mi dignidad.

Lourdes Dobarganes
San Francisco, CA

I've been taking care of patients for the past 15 years. The importance of taking care of someone in their own home is that it provides a comfortable and safe experience for the patients. The families feel the love and care that one pours into the job as we care for the patients with respect and dignity as they deserve. When I age and become a senior I would like to receive the same care with dignity and respect in my own home.
Me llamo Maria Teresa Palacio. Vivo en San Francisco y soy parte de La Colectiva De Mujeres San Francisco. Yo limpio casas y cuido a personas de la tercera edad. A mi me parece perfecto cuidar a las personas en su propio hogar donde ellos se sienten cómodos y confiados, felices, en sus propios recuerdos. Un buen salario me ayuda a mantener a mi familia y así ayudaría a los pacientes a tener un envejecimiento digno y feliz.

Maria Teresa Palacio
San Francisco, CA

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My name is Maria Teresa Palacio. I live in San Francisco and I'm a part of the Women's Collective of San Francisco. I clean houses and take care of seniors. I find it perfect to take care of people in their own homes, where the patients feel comfortable and confident admiring their memories they've made in their homes. A good salary would help me provide for my family and would also provide for happy and just aging in place experience for our patients.
Mi nombre es Mayra Perez. Pertenezco a la Colectiva de Mujeres en San Francisco y he desarrollado mi Trabajo como cuidadora. Luego la calidad de trabajo se vuelve una relación de calidad entre cuidadora y empleador. Por eso merecemos un cuidado a largo plazo en nuestra edad de oro.

Mayra Perez
San Francisco, CA

My name is Mayra Perez. I belong to the Women's Collective of San Francisco and I've developed my role as a caregiver. Our quality of work in our job transforms into a quality relationship between the caregiver and patient. That is why we deserve to have access to long-term support services as we enter our golden years.
Soy Wendy Garcia miembro de la Colectiva de Mujeres de San Francisco California. Soy trabajadora de Cuidado Esencial, es importante para mi tener una vida plena, y que me cuidense bien cuando envejezca por eso es importante el acceso de cuidado en el hogar y que sea bien a Las trabajadores de cuidados esenciales.

Wendy Garcia
San Francisco, CA

I’m Wendy Garcia, member of the Women’s Collective of San Francisco California. I’m a homecare worker, it is important for me to lead a full life. I want to be well taken care of when I age. That is why home base services are essential for us workers in the homecare industry.
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**Buenos**

**Por que cundo yo tenga mas edad nesito que yo se cuidada por que una nuca sabe**

Care is essential because its good and because when I'm older I will also need someone to take care of me.

Su Nombre: **Alejandra Banerjee**  
Su Organización:  
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1). Homecare services are necessary and essential for taking care of oneself and is of great help for the community.
2). Homecare services are of great help for me now that I’m very sick.

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**Porque cuando se necesita extra ayuda es importante tener una persona cercana que no tenga que sufrir pérdida financiera y lo hagan con amor**

Homecare services are essential because when I need additional help it is extremely important to have a person available that is not going to sacrifice their work and wages to help me, and will also help me with love.

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Soy Proveedora en el hogar y lider en Glassiel Park, cuidado a mi mamá por más de 10 años. Creo que es mejor que el cuidado que reciben en otros lados. Es importante para mí un mejor pago que haga no alcanza para nada nuestros salarios y queremos mejor beneficio.

Su Nombre: Elizabeth Sanchez
Su Organización: 2015 Union
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I am a homecare worker in a home and leader in Glassiel Park. I have taken care of my mom for more than 10 years. Trust me when I tell you that I give her much better care than the care she had received from other homecare services agencies. It is important for me that I receive better pay as our current wages is not sufficient for current living standards. We want better wages and better health benefits. 
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Es importante un mejor pago para los trabajadores porque dedican tiempo, amor y una mejor calidad de vida a las personas menos necesitadas.

Homecare services are essential because better pay is important for the workers. The workers give time and love and provide quality of life for the persons that need their services.

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Yo soy proveedora en los Angeles por 10 años. Es importante un buen pago y beneficios porque con lo que ganamos ahora, no es suficiente para nuestros gastos de hogar y nuestras familias.

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*I've been a homecare worker in Los Angeles for 10 years. It is important that we receive fair wages with benefits, because what we earn right now is not sufficient to be able to provide a quality life for our families.

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Homecare services are important to be able to help persons who need help. It is also important that homecare workers receive fair wages and reasonable health benefits.

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Su Organización: [Organización]
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La importancia de cuidado en el hogar es primordial para nuestras vidas, proveyendo higiene en lo general y estamos pendiente de lo que el paciente está sufriendo en sus allegados de dolor y estamos comunicándole.

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Es muy importante porque yo soy la persona que cuidó a mi esposa alrededor de sus años 24/7. He tenido el privilegio de tener a la Unión 2015 donde me ayudó a mi mujer y cuidar a mi esposa y otras personas. Nuestro reciente testamento que no da buen pago porque nos costó barrer mucho

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It is important because I am the person who takes care of my wife 24/7. I’ve had the privilege of being a part of the 2015 union which has helped by training me to be able to care much better for my wife and other people I’ve provided service for. It is important that we get paid fair wages.
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Porque lo necesitamos porque yo cuído a mi madre.

Necesitamos que nos den buen salario porque los costos han subido y nos nos alcanza y los beneficios al medido la salud es importante para nosotros para que haya mas proveedores.

Su Nombre: MARGARITA CHINCHILLA
Su Organización: \textit{SGIU 2015}
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It is essential because I need to take care of my mother. It is important that we receive fair and good wages, because the price of everything else has gone up and our current wages are not enough to even go to a doctor. Our health is important so that we can be good service providers.
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Being a care provider for my family is important for me as I know that they are being cared for better with me. I also know that the patients that I’ve provided care to have received great services from me.

Su Nombre: Irma Valencia
Su Organización: 2015 SEIU
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Yo soy una proveedora que me interesa que nuestros usuarios estén atendidos justa mente y profesional

I am a care provider who cares about how are patients are taken care of. It is important they receive just and professional care services from us.

Su Nombre: Magdalena Amaya
Su Organización: 2015-
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  yo cuida a mi hermana lo doy el mejor cuidado soy proveedora de
  cuidado en casa por 4 años
  y para mi es muy importante mi familia
  así como el aumento para nosotras los proveedor

Su Nombre: María C. Flores
Su Organización: GELU 2015
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I've taken care of my sister for the past 4 years. I've provided quality care services in her home. It is important for me to have fair and sustainable wages for us as care workers.
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It is essential because homecare workers have helped me with varicus taks in my home as well as helped me personally.

Su Nombre: Rolando Orillane
Su Organización: SEIU
Código Postal: 91402
Correo Electrónico: 818272-6030
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Hola, mi nombre es Patricia Santana y soy muy importante el Programa de Cuidado en Casa ya que yo hago este programa para mi esposo quien trabaja 30 años interrumpidos en este país su salud sea deteriorada y hoy día yo cuido de él protegiendo su vida y su salud. Y que el porto sus piernas y su visión como proveedores jugamos un papel importante para cuidarlos y mejoramos un mejor salario 24/7. Son los menos pagado:

Su Nombre: Patricia Santana
Su Organización: Seiu Local 2015
Código Postal: 90057
Correo Electrónico: patricia_santana1244@gmail.com
Número de Teléfono: (203)820-483

Hi! My name is Patricia Santana and for me Home and Community Based Services is an important program as I currently provide services for my husband. My husband worked for 50 continuous years and now his health has deteriorated. Now a days I take care of him by protecting his health as he has lost his legs and vision. As a care provider we play an important role in how we care for our patients, thus we deserve better wages as many of us work 24/7 yet we are paid very low wages in our current system.
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Cuido a mi hijo

Mi hijo es independiente, requiere de mi cuidado y de mi amor para que el tenga una vida alegre y digna.

Su Nombre: Cecilia Rodriguez
Su Organización: SEIU 2015
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I take care of my son. My son is not independent and requires my care and love so that he can live a happy and dignified life.
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por cuidar y tener mejor calidad de vida,

To take care and to have a better quality of life.

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Soy proveedora de cuidado en casa
Ser proveedor es una oportunidad de cuidar a mis queridos

Es importante porque podemos apoyar a personas con necesidades y a las personas seres queridos

Su Nombre: Catalina Hernandez
Su Organización: SEP 2015
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I'm a homecare worker in a home. Being a service provider is a great opportunity to be able to care for our loved ones. We are essential because we are able to help the persons who are not able to care for themselves.
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Soy proveedora de cuidado en casa, tengo una posiciones es importante al igual que buen pago y beneficios porque nuestro trabajo vale.

I'm a homecare service provider. I'm proud of my profession and work, but we need fair wages and benefits.

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Soy proveedora de cuidado en casa y cuído a una persona que no es familiar. El programa es importante porque hay personas como la que cuído que necesitan este programa. El pago y beneficios es importante porque es un trabajo que hacemos para sobrevivir.

I'm a care provider and I take care of a person that is not related to me. This program is essential because there is many persons in our community like the person I care for that need our services and help. We need fair wages and good health benefits to be able to survive.

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Mejorar el cuidado para proteger nuestro salarid.

We need the 400 billion to provide better care and help us have fair wages.

Su Nombre: OFELLA UNA
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yo estoy muy contenta por tener el apoyo de la union. me siento que importo a la comunidad. con todo ese apoyo puedo hacer mejor trabajo a la comunidad gracias

Su Nombre:  
Su Organización:  
Código Postal:  91730  
Correo Electrónico:  Rosa Burgos  
Número de Teléfono:  (909) 994-1345

I feel very happy being a part of the union. I feel that I matter to my community. With their support I feel that I've been able to provide better service to our community.
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Cuidado profesional es importante para estar bien tu. Esta bien a los pacientes.

Quality care is important so that one can live well and that one can provide quality care to our clients.

Su Nombre: Graciela Esquivel.
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soy un proveedor de mi hijo y notengo bida propia por eso necesitamos más mas beneficios $ buen pago

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Due to having to care for my son as a service provider I do not have a life of my own, that is why we need fair and sustainable wages as well as better health care benefits.
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Es muy importante tener los beneficios porque somos minoría y tenemos que tener lo más esencial que merecen las personas de la 3 edad y los beneficios que requieren para una calidad de vida mejor.

Su Nombre: Blanca Alvarez
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It is important to have health benefits as we are a minority and having such benefits will help us improve our quality of life. As we improve our quality of life we can provide better care to our clients.
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Y soy CNA por 20 años y para mí es importante tener mucho respeto y cuidado con todos los pacientes. Por qué es muy caro el costo de la vida y se necesita más.

Su Nombre: Alicia Gonzalez
Su Organización: SEIU 2015
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I've been a CNA for 20 years and for me it is important to have respect and care for our patients. It is important that we receive the 400 billion as it is expensive to afford a fair quality of lie now a days.
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Es muy importante el cuidado en el hogar por las siguientes razones: la persona a cuidar recibiría attentión, cuidados de primera necesidad en un ambiente que es familiar, preveniría depresión a la persona que recibe asistencia en su casa, estaría en su hogar con su familia, sería más cómodo en su ambiente vital. El cuidado que preste el cuidado estaría menos estresado ya que tendría el tiempo y el cuidado que preste el cuidado estaría menos presión. El cuidado que preste el cuidado estaría menos presión.

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Homecare homebase services are important for the following reasons: The person that needs care receives quality service in a setting that is familiar to them (their home), thus perhaps doing away with depression that might have resulted from not being in their home. There is no price tag for the quality care that one gives to someone that is sick.
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Proveedor de IHSS Cuidado familiar

El cuidado en el hogar es muy importante ya que no siempre se tiene acceso a algún centro de cuidado y un buen pago. Porque los que tenemos pocas horas no alcanzamos a cubrir todas nuestras necesidades básicas.

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I'm an IHSS family provider. Homecare homebase services are essential because one does not always have access to health centers. Fair wages in our field are essential as many of us cannot make ends meet with the little pay and little work hours given to us.
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Por que en ningún lugar mejor que en Su casa recibir el cuidado con mucho cariño y amor hacia mi Señora

Su Nombre: Nelia Guadalupe Cozlll
Su Organización: 1HS5
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There is no better place to receive good and quality care than in your home. Like I provide loving and caring care to my mother-in-law in her home.
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Para mí es muy necesario poder brindar cuidado de casa sobre todo a las Personas de 3rd Edad.

Y nos merecemos un buen pago porque para ellos somos Familia, enfermeras y Confidentes.

Su Nombre: **SOFIA PEREZ**
Su Organización: **FHS**
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For me, it is important to provide quality care for all, but especially our seniors. We deserve fair wages as we play the role of family, nurses and confidants.
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1. Tengo un hijo con síndrome Down.
2. Es importante aumentar todo este muy caro. El chico exige.
3. Las rentas muy caras e el dinero no alcanza.

Su Nombre: Josefina Blancas
Su Organización: SEIU
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I have a son with Down Syndrome. It is important that we receive fair and sustainable wages as it is extremely expensive to provide for a special needs son. The cost to rent an apartment is extremely high and our current wages do not cover the rents.
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atención al paciente, tener
menos pacientes, más tiempo
dedicado, motivación para el paciente
dedicarse conforme para mí es en
orgullo dedicar mi tiempo en el
edad al paciente.

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Francesa Bojara C.

It is extremely important to provide the best service to our clients. It is also important to have less patients, to focus ones strength in providing quality service for them. For me it is an honor to provide quality care to my patients.
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Guadalupe Castro  Código postal 90057
Proveedor de cuidado en el hogar
Cuido Ami hijo Eric Ortiz
213 925 9048

Su Nombre:
Su Organización:
Código Postal:
Correo Electrónico:
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I Guadalupe Castro provide care for my son Eric Ortiz.
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Soy proveedor de cuidado, aun familiar

I am a family care provider.

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1. Si soy usuario del cuidado en el hogar
   y proveedor de cuidados

2. Es importante para mí porque tengo que asumir en gustos familiares y no es suficiente mi sueldo. Necesito obtener un poco más de $ dinero

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Soy proveedora de cuidado a mi hijo y que mejor que una madre cuide a sus hijos darles a ellos un hogar digno dando amor y cariño y uno recibiría un salario también digno.

Su Nombre: Verónica García
Su Organización: 
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I provide care for my son and there is no better thing than a mother providing care for her children in a home full of love and care, but it would be equally good to receive fair wage for the provided care.
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La relación con un paciente es muy importante que un cuidado bien hecho que proveer buen cuidado y que queda satisfecho con el servicio en el hogar.

Es muy importante el cuidado porque si hay un buen pago aumenta las ganas y el esfuerzo para que los ambientes quedemos satisfechos.

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The relationship between a provider and a patient is extremely important. A CNA needs to provide good, quality care so that the patient is satisfied with the service provided at home. Fair and sustainable wages is important because it encourages us workers to give better care to our clients and both sides are satisfied.
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Soy CNA por 18 años e trabajado para el Condado de Orange. Para mi es importante los beneficios y un buen salario porque creo que nuestro trabajo lo vale, cuando veo a mis compañeros trabajando duro, con amor y dedicación.

Su Nombre: ROBERTA RODRÍGUEZ
Su Organización: SEIU 12-2015
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I've been a CNA for the past 18 years in Orange County. For me it is important to receive a fair wage and good health benefits. I believe that our quality work speaks for itself as I see with what care and love my colleagues and myself give our everything everyday on our jobs.
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_We are important as we give love and unconditional care that many of the patients families are not able to give them._

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Home care is important because it helps provide help & care for the disabled who can’t do for themselves.

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It's important to me because there are not enough people to take care of those who cannot take care of themselves. I can be a voice for those who cannot speak up for themselves.

Your Name: Anise John
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I work as a care worker for my dad. This program is important because it allows me to help him improve his health. Better pay is necessary and important because everything goes up in price in the market, gas, food, etc.

Your Name: Sergio Suarez
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I have a 96 year old Aunt who is mentally challenged and she has been receiving benefits from community based programs for years now. I feel like it's kept her healthy and vibrant and still herself after all these years.

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I'm a former caregiver. It became important when I was in the situation where I had to give up my work hours to care for my mother.

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CARE CAN'T WAIT

I support the $400 billion for HCBS in the American Jobs Act because:

Story:

Estoy aquí con el propósito de apoyar a la Organización de Cuidado de personas con desabilidades y Cuidado especial. Pido a los gobernadores la ayuda requerida para tener una vida digna de cuidado para nuestra salud.

Gracias

I'm here sharing my story because I support the effort to provide care for those with disabilities and special needs. I ask Speaker Pelosi the help we need to be able to obtain this money so that we are able to earn fair wages and so that we are able to lead a healthy lifestyle.

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