



Alliance for Low-Income Personal Care Home Advancement

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House Appropriations Committee, Minority Chairman, Matthew Bradford

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Dear Leader McClinton and Chairman Bradford:

Personal Care Homes are licensed residences that provide shelter, meals and personal care assistance for low-income older adults and people with disabilities - who do not need skilled nursing care.

The state and federal government currently provide a \$39 daily Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment to support low-income individuals who reside in a personal care home. Pennsylvania's portion of this payment hasn't increased since 2006 and more than 410 low-income homes, or 46% of the statewide total, have closed their doors since then.

Quite simply, if we don't take action now, these homes will close and more people in communities throughout the commonwealth will be left with few, if any, housing options - and at increased risk for serious health conditions.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the state legislature and Governor Wolf directed emergency federal funds to protect the residents of these homes – one of the few states to do so. Let's work together again by supporting the \$50 million increase in the state supplement that was included in the Governor's proposed state budget.

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Saving personal care homes allows us to maintain a critical, and less expensive, link to our long-term care system. Taking care of our most vulnerable citizens is both a moral and financial imperative for all of us. Should you have any questions, or if we can provide additional information, please contact me by phone at 717-917-3512 or email at gartman.cynthia@Alpha-Homes.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Warm Regards,



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Our Supporting Stakeholders:



AARP - PA * CARIE – Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of Elders * HAP – Hospital Association of Pennsylvania * Leading Age PA * PALA – Pennsylvania Assisted Living Association * PHCA - Pennsylvania Health Care Association * Rehabilitation & Community Providers Association * SWPPA – Southwestern Pennsylvania Partnership for Aging