

Dear Senators,

I am writing concerning the proposed Bill 197, and am asking that you please consider some of the implications that this bill may have on both the Residential Service Agencies (RSAs), as well as on the population that they serve. Enforcing this bill would mean that agencies could no longer have the flexibility to rely on independent contractors. The cost to cover this transition could be enough to put a large number of RSAs out of business, all at once, which would negatively impact an even larger number of people who rely on these agencies, day in and day out. Such a disruption to the home care industry, an industry already facing ever-increasing demands, would be significant, so I am strongly requesting that you reconsider this bill at this time. Thank you very much for taking the time to review my viewpoint and for all that you do.

Sincerely,

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