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Dear Senators,

I am writing to you as a dedicated nurse and a long-time professional in the home care industry. The reason I am writing is to urge you to oppose Senate Bill 197. As many are already well aware, RSA operations in Maryland are expected to serve thousands of people in need, but are expected to do so on increasingly narrow margins. This proposed measure, of restricting RSA operations to no longer count upon 1099 contractors, would adversely impact the ability of RSA operations to provide critical services to the communities in which they serve. This additional financial and logistical burden will undoubtedly make it extremely difficult for a large number of RSA operations to stay in business, potentially leaving a significant number of those in need without an agency to support them. Such an action would result in wide ranging consequences for an industry already struggling to meet incredibly high demands across the state of Maryland. In order for operations to survive, and for those in need to continue receiving high quality services without any lapses or disruptions to their care, the implications of this bill must be reconsidered. Consequently, I do not believe that proceeding with this bill would be in the best interest of the communities that we serve.

Thank you very much for your time and for considering my perspective. I truly hope that you will advocate for what would be the most sensible decision, given the points stated above. And of course, thank you for your services and for your ongoing devotion to our communities.

Sincerely,

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