

Dear Legislator,

I am the President of the Maryland National Capital Homecare Association, as well I have been an executive leader in the home based homecare service industry for over the last 27 years. I work collaboratively, represent, and guide Medicaid-enrolled Residential Service agencies that serve residents of the entire state of Maryland. I am emailing to ask that you support the Governor's FY2026 budget that provides Medicaid HCBS personal care and private duty nursing service providers with a 1% rate increase. This 1% rate increase is critical to our operations. In addition to supporting the Governor's budget with the 1% rate increase, I ask that you reject the DLS recommendation to decrease payment rates by 2%, which would be devastating to our programs and the clients that we care for under the Medicaid program.

I am engaged with a large group of providers who work on a daily basis to support patients in a homecare setting. Continued reductions to reimbursement will risk their ability to render quality and safe care to the members you represent. In addition, reductions risk the sustainability of agencies to remain in operation which would further limit access to care, putting your members in a healthcare risk.

**I am writing to OPPOSE House Bill 1554/Senate Bill 1045: Sales and Use Tax – Taxable Business Services – Alterations.**

Best Regards,

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