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**From:** Jennifer Tierney <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** House Health and Human Services Committee  
**Subject:** I support the Workforce Standards Board Bill (H-7733 | (S-2621)

Committee Clerk Steven Sepe,

Dear Dear Honorable Members of the House and Senate Committees on Health and Human Services,

I am writing a comment in support of the Workforce Standards Board Bill (WSB) (H-7733 | (S-2621) and urge you vote yes for its passage.

My mother -- along with the mothers of many friends -- worked in nursing home care for more than 25 years. After such deep experience, she told us children that under no circumstances should she ever go to a nursing home -- no matter how dire the health circumstances. That a veteran of this field would rather die than go to a nursing home says it all.

It is understood that that corporate takeovers will increase the focus on profit and cutting corners on care. It is also well-known that most nursing homes are using temp agencies for their CNA staff. Not only do these agencies keep an unfair share of the wages, this dynamic reduces the personal care for clients -- those in the nursing homes. With temp staff, a patient rarely sees the same CNA twice.

I can only hope that the legislation mandates a fully inclusive Workforce Standards Board that includes union representatives, experienced nurses, and those not appointed by government officials.

Most sincerely,

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