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From: Patrick Quinn <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,

Thank you to Rep. Slater and Senator Valverde for sponsoring this legislation.

The issues of care and staffing in our states Nursing Homes is too important to be left to the individual industry managers and administrators.

Millions of state and Federal Funds pay for nursing home care and we need to ensure we receive value for our expenditures.

The quality of the jobs impacts the patient outcomes!

It is that simple ! The responsibility and accountability front line staff have is not recognized in their compensation and working conditions.

As a family member of loved one receiving care in a SNF I strongly support this legislation and urge all to vote yes.

When a patient is not repositioned in a timely manner they suffer from bedsores, this is an open wound that is completely preventable. If a CNA does not have a reasonable workload they cannot complete all of the tasks on their assignment.

The Workforce Standards Board needs to be part of a holistic plan to enforce nursing home staffing standards, raise wages, mandate essential training for caregivers and hold for-profit owners accountable to how they spend public funds. Corporate nursing homes in RI amass over \$100 million annually (mostly taxpayer dollars), with care quality suffering due to understaffing. 12,000 out of the 18,000 CNAs registered in Rhode Island are not currently working in healthcare; we need to attract them back by offering better wages and conditions. The RIPTA Board's recent minimum wage increase to \$25/hr for bus drivers doubled job applications, demonstrating the positive effect of wage improvements on workforce recruitment.

The recent executive order indefinitely suspending fines for nursing homes that violated the staffing law needs to be repealed immediately

The Workforce Standards Board provides a data-driven, collaborative vehicle to stabilize our nursing home system and give residents the care they deserve. Please vote yes on Workforce Standards Board Bill (H-7733 | (S-2621).

Most sincerely,

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