



Restore Perry-Sullivan Funds for Home Care

See message below from Maureen Maigret, Chair of Aging in Community Subcommittee of the LTCCC (Long-Term Care Coordinating Council). Maureen is a Board member, and volunteer policy advisor to Senior Agenda Coalition of RI.

Dear Aging in Community Subcommittee and Interested Persons,

In the next few weeks, the state legislature will finalize the state budget for fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) and decide on a number of bills important for Aging in the Community. In this Advocacy Alert I urge you to make your voice heard to address the homecare worker crisis.

ADDRESSING HOME CARE CRISIS A PRIORITY

With over 400 persons on state subsidized home care waiting for service - most waiting two months or more - the home care workforce crisis must be addressed so people with care needs can remain living at home. The crisis is largely a result of inadequate wages paid to these essential workers.

What can be done to help with this crisis?

The Governor's budget calls for suspending use of an estimated \$38.6 Million in state funds which, by law, should be used to enhance home and community services. This law is referred to as the "Perry-Sullivan" law after its sponsors. These funds should be used to increase home care provider rates so they may provide fair and competitive wages to homecare workers and increase rates for Independent Providers. Many of these workers are low-income women and women of color.

Make your voice heard.

Please call Speaker of the House Shekarchi (222-2466) and Senate President Ruggerio (222-6655) and YOUR members of the RI House of Representatives and Senate with the message to reinstate the Perry-Sullivan Funds for Home and Community Based Care and improved wages for home care workers.

To find your legislators, [use this link](#) Links for contact information are here:

[RI House of Representatives](#)

[RI Senate](#)

Thank you,
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