

## Sample Email (or Letter) to Your Senator on Medicaid Home Care

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

I am a constituent and caregiver for my husband/wife/partner who is chronically ill/ disabled due to \_\_\_\_\_. The home care I am struggling to provide places a huge burden on me, my spouse/partner and our entire family. Despite the burden, I want to continue to care for him/her at home. Medicaid could help, but Medicaid home care is so under-funded that 800,000 people around the country currently are on waiting lists to receive it, even though they meet the program's stringent medical and financial eligibility requirements.

Home care also saves the Federal government money compared with the alternative of a Medicaid-covered nursing home bed. Many family caregivers have no choice but to place their loved one in a nursing home due to inadequate funding for Medicaid home care.

Senate action on increased funding for Medicaid home care is badly needed. The House of Representatives voted in 2021 to provide \$150 billion in additional funding for Medicaid home care over the next ten years. These funds would go a long way toward reducing home care waiting lists. When will the Senate follow suit and pass a similar increase?

Not only is this the right thing to do, but surveys show that increased funding for home care is very popular with the American public, across the political spectrum.

Thank you for considering my views on this important matter.

Sincerely,