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Contact Congress about the Better Care Better Jobs Act

We all know how important home care workers are to independent living. The Covid-19 pandemic has taken a toll on these workers; many put their lives on the line. Home and community care workers deserve a living wage, and people with disabilities deserve quality services.

Please call 877-689-2371, and let your Congress person know how important this act is. Scroll down for talking points. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Paul Spooner, Executive Director



Call Congress!

877.689.2371

Demand a \$400 billion investment in care work & workers!

#CareIsEssential

Talking Points for the Better Care Better Jobs Act

- As Senators are deciding on how to invest in President Biden's Build Back Better Agenda, we are deeply concerned over reports of proposed funding levels for home and community care. We must have an investment as close to \$400 billion to both expand services to people who need it and ensure the jobs needed to care for our nation's seniors and people with disabilities are good union jobs.
- The investment must be sufficient to avoid forcing states to choose

between raising wages and expanding services—pitting family caregivers, people with disabilities, seniors, and home care workers against each other.

- We know that now, and in the coming decades, there must be a stable, reliable, and well-supported workforce to care for our aging relatives, friends, and neighbors.
- It's never been more urgent to meet our communities' skyrocketing needs for care. By 2028, we'll need to fill 4.7 million new care jobs. But it's hard to attract the workers we need if the jobs pay poverty wages, come with inadequate benefits and without the choice to join a union.
- A robust investment in care jobs is critical to build a durable and robust economy, advance racial and gender equity, and make it possible for older adults and people with disabilities to receive long-term services and support to live in their own homes and communities.
- This is our chance to actually invest in workforces that are overwhelmingly women, specifically women of color. The funding needs to be sufficient to actually improve people's lives.
- When it comes to our nation's recovery, we cannot stick to the status quo. We need a bold investment to build a brighter future out of the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing economic crises. Investing as close to \$400 billion in home care workers and our whole home and community care system is a huge part of that.



Partner Websites and Organizations



[REV UP Massachusetts](http://www.revupma.org) - Increasing the Disability Vote!



[MA Tales of Independence](#) - a collection of videos by people who are successfully living independently.



[Dignity Alliance of Massachusetts](#) is dedicated to secure fundamental changes in the provision of long-term services, support, and care.

About MetroWest Center for Independent Living

We provide an array of independent living services that enable people with disabilities to live in the community. The center was created by people with disabilities seeking full integration into society. We empower people with disabilities

by teaching the practical skills and confidence to take control over their lives and become active members of the communities in which they live. We promote access and change within society while advocating for programs and services needed by people of all ages with a wide range of disabilities. MWCIL is a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential private nonprofit agency.

We enable people with disabilities to gain freedom from nursing homes and other institutional settings.

If you have a disability, live within our area (26 towns in Metrowest section of Massachusetts) and have needs, goals, or barriers related to your living independently, then contact us at 508-875-7853.

MetroWest Center for Independent Living is a scent-free environment. Please keep this in mind when you plan a visit.

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