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Stop H 4081/S 268

**An Act to Provide Personal Care Attendant
Orientation Program!**

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Dear Advocates:

H 4081/S 268 - An Act to provide personal care attendant orientation program, has passed the House, and it now sits in the Senate ready to be passed. *This Bill will destroy the PCA Program as we know it.*

What this Bill will do:

1. All new PCAs will be required to attend a 4 hour orientation training program provided by others who do not have a direct relationship with the PCA user. Which means you lose your right to train your own PCAs.
2. This bill will require a new bureaucracy to provide training to thousands on new PCAs, develop training materials, create training locations and develop a tracking process to record who takes the training.

Supporters of this Bill want the PCAs to be paid for the 4 hours of training, plus the cost of the training, which could cost millions of dollars. Where does this money come from?

What you can do:

If you want to save the PCA program, save consumer control over your own PCAs, train your own PCAs, and maintain funding for PCA services, *then you need to call your Senator NOW.* Action is needed now, time is short.

Contact your Senator:

Information on who your senator is at

www.heredoivotema.com

If you know your senator, contact information is at

www.malegislature.gov/People/Senate

Contact Senator Therese Murray - President of the Senate:

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Contact Senator Fred Berry - Chair of the Senate Committee on Ethics and Rules:

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Our PCAForever.org website has information on the MA PCA program, as well as videos from PCA consumers.

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Contact Senator Gale Candaras - original sponsor of this bill:

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Let them know that this Bill will take away your right to train and hire your PCAs which is the foundation of the PCA program. Remember, employers, PCA consumers train PCAs, not other organizations or groups who are not directly involved in your PCA services. Time is short, supporters are working hard to pass this Bill, do not let this happen.

Save the PCA Program, support Independent Living!

from Paul Spooner,
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