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URGENT: We need your help to stop H 4081/S
268 -

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

MetroWest
Center for Independent Living, Inc.

Dear Advocates:

I urgently ask you to act and prevent the passage of this bill.

H 4081/S 268 - An Act to provide personal care attendant orientation program, has passed the House, and is waiting for the Senate vote. *This Bill will destroy the PCA Program as we know it.*

Today, we received new information about this bill's status.

- H 4081/S 268 will be voted on in the Senate NEXT week.
- Senate President Therese Murray is a strong supporter of this bill. What this means is **OUR VOICES HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD!**

We need to take action immediately. TODAY. RIGHT NOW!

Contact Senator Therese Murray - President of the Senate:

Phone: 617-722-1500

Email: Therese.Murray@masenate.gov

Let her know that this Bill will take away your right to train and hire your PCAs which is the foundation of the PCA program.

Remember, PCA consumers are the employers who 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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What this Bill will do:

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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 thoutands 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 Senate President Therese Murray.* Action is needed now, time is short.

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