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Members of the Omnibus Human Services Finance Bill Conference Committee:

As the director of CentraCare's Home Health and Hospice programs, I am writing to you today to ask for your support of the home care priorities being considered this session. I am so grateful for the investments in home care services from both the House and Senate, because as you know, the critical services that home care providers offer to hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans are at risk without action.

I am particularly optimistic about the proposals for rate changes related to home health and home care nursing services. These investments are positioned to make significant steps forward in addressing the current rate challenges that are negatively impacting access to home care services for our families, friends, and communities.

If I may, I would like to urge committee members to adopt the Senate position on the proposed investments. This will enhance the ability for agencies to offer better wages for home care staff as well as equip them with innovative tools and technology to enhance the care they deliver. Our patients deserve the best care at the lowest cost, and we can deliver that!

In a time with so many competing priorities, thank you for being a champion for home care services. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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