

Family Letter #1

TODAY'S DATE

The Honorable (senator or representative's name)

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RE: Texas nursing homes

Dear (Senator or Representative):

I am writing to you in support of SB 1130/HB 2766, the Nursing Facility Reinvestment Allowance (NFRA). It's a good plan to improve funding for Texas nursing homes without having to use state tax dollars.

I spend time almost every day at (nursing home name) with my (relative) and I see how much the staff there do. They work so hard for their pay and I know it's not very much. They need help. Passing the NFRA will allow nursing home owners to hire more staff, increase their pay and improve their training.

Adding more regulation and continuing to underfund them won't help improve care. Passing the NFRA will.

Please help them out. Someday, you may depend on them like I do.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable (senator or representative's name)
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Dear (Senator or Representative):

RE: nursing home staff turnover

My (relative) depends on the long-term care (he/she) receives at (nursing facility name), and I am pleading with you to please pass the Nursing Facility Reinvestment Allowance SB 1130/HB 2766.

I spend a lot of time at (nursing home name) and I can see that they are doing their best but they cannot continue to provide quality care without some help. Texas has one of the lowest nursing home reimbursement rates in the nation and that has led to one of the highest turnover rates for caregivers. I don't know how they can take care of their own families on what the facilities are able to pay them based on the Medicaid rates they receive.

They work hard and they deserve a raise. Passing the Nursing Facility Reinvestment Allowance will allow that.

Thank you for listening.

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Family Letter #3

The Honorable (senator or representative's name)
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Dear (Senator or Representative):

Thank you for your service to (hometown). I am writing to ask for you to help Texas nursing homes and to support the Nursing Facility Reinvestment Allowance – SB 1130/HB 2766.

My (relative) depends on the long-term care (he/she) receives at (facility name). We depend on the staff there and they do a good job, but I know the facility cannot pay them what they would like to pay. They work hard, and deserve our support. The Nursing Facility Reinvestment Allowance will give nursing homes appropriate funding for the first time in twenty years and provide them with the support they need.

Please support the NFRA. It's the right thing for Texas seniors.

Sincerely,

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Dear (Senator or Representative):

I have seen the recent news stories about nursing home care in Texas, and I just want to say that I think Texas can do better. I hope you will vote yes for the Nursing Facility Reinvestment Allowance SB 1130/HB 2766 so they can.

My family depends on the long-term care my (relative) receives at (facility name), and we have seen firsthand how much the staff works to care for (him/her). We have also seen those same caregivers have to pick up extra shifts and work double shifts because of staff shortages.

The high turnover of nursing home staff is a real problem. The solution is better pay and more staff, and the NFRA will help with both. Please don't forget families like mine who depend on long-term care as you make the tough decisions ahead. The quality of nursing home care in the state really does begin with the decisions made in Austin. I hope we can count on your support.

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Dear (Senator/Representative):

Texas nursing homes should be the best in the nation. They are not. I would like to ask your help to make them the best in the nation. Because, after all, someday you and your family might depend on them like mine does.

I have read that Texas has one of the lowest nursing home reimbursement rates in the nation. I see the results of this firsthand. There is always a new nurse or caregiver. The staff they have are stretched thin.

Texas can do better. Please allow for better funding for our seniors so we can make Texas nursing homes the best in the nation. Please support the Nursing Facility Reinvestment Allowance bill - SB 1130/HB 2766.

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Nursing Home Caregivers Doing the Best They Can

Dear (Senator/Representative):

When my family was no longer able to care for my (relative), it wasn't easy leaving (him/her) to be cared for by someone else. (He/She) has had a good life and deserves for that to continue, but we needed assistance to ensure it did.

The staff at (name of nursing home) not only accepted our (father/mother/sister ...) as part of their family, but we know he/she is being well cared for. We understand the reimbursement shortfall for the Medicaid care they provide creates obstacles to doing all that they would like to do.

I am writing you to ask you to help clear those obstacles, and better fund Texas nursing homes. Please support the SB 1130/HB 2766.

Nursing homes and their care teams perform a challenging job for countless families. They deserve our full support. Thank you for caring for our family members.

Sincerely,

NAME HERE,
(family member)