

Business Associate Letter #1

TODAY'S DATE

The Honorable (Senator/ Representative)

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RE: nursing home funding

Dear (Senator/ Representative):

I am writing you to request that you support SB 1130/HB 2766 – the Nursing Facility Reinvestment Allowance.

Every day my business takes me into (nursing facility name/or maybe “numerous facilities”). I see how hard the staff works and I see how much they care. I know they don't work there to get rich but they deserve more. They certainly earn it.

I know you have tough budget decisions ahead, but to me, this one seems easy since it doesn't raise taxes and doesn't cost the state's general revenue fund. More funding for nursing homes is good for Texas seniors, good for long term care staff and good for the local economy.

Thank you for listening, and thank you for your service to (hometown.)

Sincerely,

NAME HERE,

(Business name)

Business Associate Letter #2

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The Honorable (Senator/ Representative)
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Dear (Senator/Representative):

RE: Nursing home funding

As a small business owner, I understand how hard it can be to make tough budget decisions. But I also understand that sometimes, it can cost more to try to cut corners.

I am writing for your support of SB 1130/HB 2766 that will fund Texas nursing homes without state funding. I know that money is tight. But the Nursing Facility Reinvestment Allowance won't increase taxes and won't rely on state funding.

Texas' low nursing home reimbursement rate makes investing in much-needed new equipment difficult for nursing facility operators. That's bad for Texas seniors. It affects the quality of care they receive.

Better funding for Texas nursing homes will not only improve the quality of care for Texas seniors, it helps tax-paying businesses. The enhancement of the Medicaid rates thru the NFRA will provide an economic stimulus for communities across the state as well as improve the quality of care our seniors can expect.

Sincerely,

NAME HERE,
JOB TITLE HERE

Business Associate Letter #3

The Honorable (Senator/ Representative)

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Date

Dear (Senator/Representative):

I work in the long term care industry and I am writing to ask your support of the Nursing Facility Reinvestment Allowance SB 1130/HB 2766, which will increase funding for nursing homes without spending state dollars.

Texas has one of the lowest nursing home reimbursement rates in the nation, and that's hurt the quality of care that you or I can expect if we ever need to depend on round-the-clock attention.

Passing the NFRA would boost pay, increase staff and allow providers to invest in much-needed capital improvements. All of these will make Texas nursing homes better places to be.

I am honored to make my living helping to make sure that the Greatest Generation is well taken care of. I hope you will support us to continue to do our best.

Sincerely,

NAME HERE,
JOB

Business Associate Letter #4

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The Honorable (Senator/ Representative)

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Dear (Senator/ Representative):

I am writing to respectfully request that you vote support SB 1130/HB 2766, which increases funding for Texas' nursing homes without requiring state dollars.

Texas nursing facilities employ more than 110,000 Texans and have a direct economic impact of more than \$7 billion a year on Texas. Passing the Nursing Facility Reinvestment Allowance will result in more staff being hired, and more investment in new equipment and training. Not only is that good for those who depend on long term care, it would have a ripple effect across the Texas economy.

On behalf of myself, my employees and the elder Texans who depend on us, I ask that you please provide better funding to nursing homes in Texas. Thank you for your service to (hometown) and thank you for taking the time to listen.

Sincerely,

NAME HERE,

JOB TITLE HERE

Business Associate Letter #5

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The Honorable (Senator/ Representative)

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Dear (Senator/Representative):

I am both a businessman and a taxpayer, and I am writing you to ask that you vote in favor of SB 1130/HB 2766. Better funding for Texas nursing homes will boost the economy in just about every community in this state by raising wages and hiring staff.

Texas nursing homes already employ more than 110,000 people across the state, directly and indirectly.

Long term care facilities are economic engines in almost every community across the state. Boosting the Medicaid reimbursement rate will not only improve the quality of care in Texas nursing homes, it will help the economics of towns like (hometown here.)

Sincerely,

**NAME HERE,
JOB TITLE HERE**

Business Associate Letter #6

TODAY'S DATE

The Honorable (Senator/ Representative)

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RE: nursing home funding

Dear (Senator/ Representative):

As you work to balance the state's budget, I would like to ask that you consider supporting the Nursing Facility Reinvestment Allowance SB 1130/HB 2766 to provide increased funding for Texas nursing homes without spending state dollars.

This is not an emotional request, but one based on my experience. My business takes me into nursing facilities almost every day. I have seen firsthand that Texas nursing homes are already underfunded and doing the best they can with what they have. Boosting the Medicaid rate would be beneficial to all those who depend on long term care.

But boosting the Medicaid rate would also positively affect your district's economy, as well as that of the state.

Few people realize it, but nursing homes help drive the local economy. Increased spending and higher wages cascade down to other businesses like me, and that's good for anyone.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. The quality of long term care in the state really does depend on decisions made at our state Capitol. Please help.

Sincerely,

NAME HERE,
(Business name)