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DATE Fri Feb 4 2005  
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Dear Joint Appropriation Committee,

I am in support of medicaid funding in the long-term care setting. I am a Director of Nursing at a long term care facility and over the past 10 years have watched my staff struggle to continue to work in this setting. The majority of my staff is single mothers with children. They love their job and have a sense of meaning when contributing to the care of the elderly in our committee, though too often they are forced to leave the position because they are struggling financially. When we experience staff turnover our residents suffer, they do not have continuity of care. Medicaid funding is essential to help improve both the lives of the resident and the employee. I am in support of increased medicaid funding in the long-term care setting.

Sincerely,  
  
Aimee Shein RN  
Director of Nursing Services

*Submitted - prior to (?) or as an initial - don't know yet*