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The Honorable Representative [Last name]

US House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative [Last name],

My name is [X], and I reside in your district. I’m writing to urge you to support the Essential Caregiver Act HR3733.

As you may know, thousands of long-term care residents died during the Covid-19 pandemic while receiving care in nursing homes throughout our nation. Our parents and loved ones died alone and without anyone to advocate for them. In some cases, they suffered unimaginable neglect and abuse that should not befall a citizen of the United States of America.

These facilities are the homes of our most frail and vulnerable. In the event of an emergency, it is their loved ones who are the best advocates. Shutting down a facility without their loved ones is inhumane and cruel especially when some of these individuals suffer from dementia as they are easily confused when abrupt changes happen to their routine.

The Essential Caregiver Act will ensure that no long-term resident, or short-term rehabilitation resident is deprived of having the support and companionship of their family and loved ones.

This Act will allow the resident to appoint up to two caregivers that will be able to come into these facilities in the event of a national emergency, as long as they follow current health guidelines.

The lessons learned from the Coronavirus pandemic is that extreme harm was done to both the resident and their loved ones who had to go up to a year and a half in isolation. The isolation caused rapid deterioration and pain onto an extremely vulnerable people in their last days.

I appeal to you and hope you will consider supporting the Essential Caregiver Act (HR3733) by becoming a co-sponsor.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact me should you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

[Your title]

[Your email]

[Your phone number]