



# A MESSAGE TO OUR EMPLOYEES

**We are all in this together.** Since 2017, nineteen nursing homes—10% of the nursing homes in the state of Washington — have closed. Nearly 70% of the patients in skilled nursing facilities rely on the State Medicaid program, yet rates are so inadequate that facilities are being forced to close.

We know that when nursing homes close, people are harmed. Patients suffer transfer trauma. Families are unable to provide much needed support when patients are transferred out of their areas. Caregivers suffer wage interruption and job loss, as well as grief and loss.

**The Legislature must understand that a budget process that puts people at risk is unacceptable and you can help.**

Please add your voice to that of thousands of Washingtonians who are asking the Legislature to address this funding crisis in 2020.

**Please sign up for the  
Washington Health Action Network**

**[www.wahealthactionnetwork.com](http://www.wahealthactionnetwork.com)**

**From there, you can send an email to ask our legislators  
to fix this problem.**

Our seniors paid their way—they built the schools, roads, libraries and communities we all enjoy. It's time for us to ask the Legislature to step up and support our seniors—patients like ours—in their most vulnerable times.

**THANK YOU FOR ADDING YOUR VOICE.**

*P.S. You can also like and follow the Washington Health Action Network Facebook page, and ask your friends and others to lend their voices to this important effort.*



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