



Dear Legislator:

I join my fellow members of The Caring Force in asking you to support the efforts of community-based human services workers. The sector’s workers are seeking your support of a student loan repayment program and a livable wage for the human services nonprofits sector.

Please help support our pro-workforce legislative agenda.
Here are some facts on the human services sector and our dedicated workforce:

- There are more than 160,000 jobs in the human services sector, where we are dedicated to providing services to hundreds of thousands of state residents.
- Direct Care I workers’ salaries are benchmarked to \$20.79 an hour: below the starting salaries offered by many big box retailers
- The one-time ARPA-funded student loan repayment program, launched in 2024, received requests totaling more than three times its \$16.5 million allocation.

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!
PLEASE
SUPPORT THE
FOLLOWING:**

Increase funding for the Chapter 257 Rate Reserve (Line-Item 1599-6903) from \$207 million to \$307 million in the FY’26 Budget

Pass An act relative to a livable wage for human services workers (S.130 | H.223)

Pass An act relative to a loan repayment program for human service workers (S.119 | H.283)

Please write me to let me know that I have your support on these issues!

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