

THE CARING FORCESM

Empowering people, strengthening human services

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 livable wage for the human services 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.
- The median income of human services workers is about \$34,000 – \$15,000 less than the median income level for the Massachusetts workforce overall.
- More than 55 percent of college graduates in Massachusetts had student debt in 2021, with an average of more than \$33,000 per person.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! PLEASE CO-SPONSOR AND SUPPORT:

Maintain the Chapter 257 Reserve (1599-6903) at \$390 million in FY '25 budget

Support language in Chapter 257 Reserve in Senate Ways & Means budget proposal

Pass *An act relative to a loan repayment program for human services workers* (H. 214 | S. 77)

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

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