



Association for Habilitation and Residential Care

URGENT ADVOCACY NEEDED FOR HEALS ACT



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Dear AHRC Suffolk Friends and Families,

You've received a number of emails from us over the past few weeks about COVID-19 disability funding. Your messages to lawmakers are appreciated and needed - especially now. Though the House of Representatives passed legislation responding to many essential funding requests, the Senate JUST introduced the **HEALS Act**, which does NOT address most of the critical needs of people with disabilities!

Please send or email a letter to your senator - make sure to include your name and address ([click here for letter template](#)). Your Senators need to hear from you so that important provisions remain in the bill that ultimately passes Congress, specifically:

- Dedicated funding for Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS).
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) for direct support professionals.
- Paid leave for all caregivers.
- Economic impact payments for all people with disabilities.

By sending or emailing a letter, you're helping ensure people with disabilities, their families and staff aren't left behind in the next relief bill. Your support is appreciated as we work together to ensure a safe and inclusive future for people with developmental disabilities.

FIND YOUR SENATOR

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