As you know, the FY23 Senate Ways and Means proposed budget provides $230M towards the Ch.257 Rate Reserve (1599-6903) - $351M short of the investment needed to raise human service wages and address the current workforce crisis. Without this funding, we will see our safety net system simply unable to meet the needs of Commonwealth residents. We must act urgently to ensure that the state Senate funds the rate reserve at $581M.

Nobody understands the depths of the current workforce crisis like providers, so we are asking that you contact your state Senator today to urge them to co-sponsor Amendment #466 to the Senate budget (sponsored by Sen. Gomez). While it is most important to speak to the impact of the workforce crisis on your organization, we have also developed a fact sheet and chart for ease of sharing and referencing during your communications.

The Senate budget will be debated the week of May 23rd, and Senators may co-sponsor the amendment until it is debated. As always, ADDP looks forward to keeping you informed through the budget process.

Sincerely,

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