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First, let me thank you for restoring 2.5% of the House cuts to Senior and Disability Services Grants programs.

Second, please support funding for Personal Care Assistance in order to support individuals to remain in their homes and the communities of their choice.

I, personally, have worked with disabled and elderly persons within the Personal Care Assistance (PCA) and Senior & disability Grant programs for 15+ years. First, as a provider of services and then as a facilitator of the program. I have seen firsthand how PCA services have enabled individuals to be safe, to return to a better state of mind and health, and occasionally to gaining independence to the level of being fully independent again and no longer needing the PCA program.

The PCA program has helped families by providing a means to an income while still caring for their loved ones at home. The alternative being; having family members placed in assisted living or nursing homes (which would be more costly to the State in the long run) so that they can work and provide for their families.

Thank you for all you do to help support all these individuals and their families.

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