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I want to support SB1591.

As a senior referral advisor, me and my team struggle to find affordable care for our clients and many times find it difficult to find a small setting like an Adult Care Home that will accommodate a couple(double occupancy) These smaller home settings provide quality care for complex needs of our clients and the reimbursement rate is not even a quarter of what they need to provide quality care, pay wages, pay increased cost of utilities etc. I am finding it very difficult to locate any Medicaid funded or contracted Adult Care homes in the Tri-County area. I'm coming across many homes canceling their Medicaid contracts due to low reimbursement rates. I've also found several homes have closed due to the financial struggles. In my job time is of the essence! Usually my clients are needing to discharge from the hospital or skilled nursing center within a day or two. By the time they are referred to me. Finding appropriate care in such a short amount of time is almost near impossible. In the meantime, these patients are laying in a hospital bed or skilled nursing bed, and typically not improving while there and many times declining while waiting. Thank you for considering SB1591.