

March 18, 2025
Senate Committee on Healthcare
Re: Support SB 27

Dear Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and members of the committee:

My name is Max Fuqua, and I am writing in support of SB 27. I participated in the RISE Partnership Long-Term CareWorks CNA apprenticeship program, and my experience with has been nothing but positive for me and my family. I hope you will vote yes on SB 27 to funding for this important work can continue and expand.

My apprenticeship program invested in me and helped me realize my dream of helping my community. They did this at a time when I couldn't make it happen on my own. Being a new father and husband put restrictions on my options, but the course was efficient and put me in a position to succeed.

Not only that, when bills were stacking up, I received emergency financial relief to keep my power on. The support from the program from beginning to end has truly been a blessing and cannot be understated. I was stuck in a cycle and couldn't figure out how to maintain my current living situation while pursuing further education. This apprenticeship gave me that opportunity.

If there is anything to invest our tax dollars into this would be the perfect program to do so. It helped my family immensely and it gave me the tools to help my community. Now I'm proud to show my child that a service to our community and mankind is the highest honor.

Please vote yes on SB 27. Thank you.

Max Fuqua