## **They Think You're Fine With This. Are You?**

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Throughout the summer, HCP's Public Policy team has been urging members to raise their voices about home care funding by writing letters to the editor, sharing stories with lawmakers, and making sure the public understands what's at stake.

When lawmakers and the public don't see headlines or hear real-world narratives, they assume providers are content with the rates they receive, even rates that often don't even cover the cost of care, or that leave agencies operating on unsustainably narrow margins. *We know this is not your reality.* 

Agencies across the state tell us they are struggling to cover costs, recruit and retain workers, and meet the demand for their services. But unless those realities are voiced publicly, policymakers continue to assume the system is working.

## Silence, in this case, will be read as consent.

To help members speak out, HCP has created a set of **template letters to the editor**. You only need 15 minutes to add your agency's name, your community, and tell your story. These drafts are designed as *starting points and can be edited to suit your voice and situation*. Legislators and the public need to hear about the real-world impact of underfunded home care, and they won't hear if we don't tell them.

<u>Click here to access the template letters</u>. Your voice matters, and your letter can make the difference.