[Name]

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Dear [Governor/State Representative/Local Official]:

I am writing to urge you not to cut home and community-based services (HCBS) funded under Medicaid. For millions of Americans, these services are a lifeline that allows them to live at home with their family and support system.

Home and community-based services include personal care, home-delivered meals, and case management. These programs support the entire family, enabling individuals to stay gainfully employed as tax-paying citizens, save for retirement, and care for their children.

Yet every year, an average of 656,000 people are on waiting lists for Medicaid home and community-based services, with an average wait time of 45 months.

In a time when so much responsibility is being shifted from the federal government to states, we acknowledge there are competing budgetary priorities. Yet HCBS are both effective and cost-efficient, keeping individuals at home instead of costly institutions.

Please prioritize home and community-based services in our state. Families depend on them, and they appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

[Name]