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To: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

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**Re: Medical Assistance Cost to Continue Estimate
LFB Paper #360 – Support Alternative 1**

Long Term Care providers and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) have greatly appreciated your past support for Wisconsin's long-term care programs and request your continued support in the 2025-27 budget.

Critical funding contained within the Medicaid cost-to-continue will help maintain and improve access to home- and community-based services (HCBS) across the state.

In order to ensure that our most vulnerable populations continue to receive access to critical services while preventing HCBS providers from closing, we respectfully request to maintain current funding levels in the minimum fee schedule in the upcoming biennium.

We remain committed to working in partnership with you to make Family Care cost-effective and sustainable. The demand for HCBS is only going to increase in the coming years as Wisconsin's population continues to grow older. By investing in the minimum fee schedule, the Legislature will help strengthen the long-term care provider workforce and provide stability for those who rely on these critical services. In doing so, you would help more than 50,000 Wisconsinites continue living productive and meaningful lives in their homes and communities, thereby improving their quality of life and healthcare outcomes.

Please support the proposed Medicaid cost to continue funding listed in Alternative 1 and fund the Minimum Fee Schedule.