

March 9, 2010

To Governor Paterson and Legislative Leaders,

Please protect home care for my family!

I strongly urge you to ensure that families like mine will continue to have access to essential home care services by restoring the \$150 million of home care cuts proposed in the 2010-11 Executive Budget.

Home care providers have already experienced over \$300 million in cuts in the past 24 months. Additional cuts will force agencies in my community to make choices about whether to reduce services, making access to home care very difficult for those of us who depend on these services every day.

Without home care, families may have to turn to emergency rooms, hospitals and nursing homes to get the care they need. Many times, this stressful and costly situation can be avoided with regular home care visits.

Access to home care is important for all of us.

Would you be ready to check your mother, brother or even your child into a facility? Would you be ready to split up your family? If you answered no, then you understand how essential home care services are for New York families.

New York families need home care! Please do everything in your power to protect home and community-based care so we can keep our loved ones at home where they belong!

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____