

Recess Message Talking Points

[Long-Term Supports and Services Must be Included in Health Care Reform \(Press Release\)](#)

- Over 200 million Americans lack any insurance protection for the costs of long-term services.
- The nation lacks a comprehensive national public-private system for financing and delivering long-term services and supports for individuals with disabilities of all ages.
- Nearly half of all funding for long-term services is provided through Medicaid that requires individuals to impoverish themselves to receive supports.

Your Ask: *Include long-term services and supports as part of health care reform.*

[Support the Community Choice Act \(H.R. 1670 and S. 683\)](#)

- Allows people with disabilities who need an institutional level of care the choice of receiving their **Medicaid** services and supports in their own communities, rather than an institution.
- Corrects Medicaid's institutional bias to provide Americans with equal choice for home and community services.

Your Ask: *Co-sponsor and support the Community Choice Act (H.R. 1670 and S. 683)*

[Support the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports \(CLASS\) Act](#)

- Provides a cash benefit that would help adults with severe functional impairments obtain the services and supports they need to live and work independently in their communities.
- Reduces the fiscal pressure on federal and state Medicaid programs
 - Saves \$2.4 billion in the first few years
- Reduces the number of individuals forced to live in poverty just so they can qualify for Medicaid.

Your Ask: *Co-sponsor and support the Class Act (H.R. 1791 & S. 697).*

[Oppose the Employee Free Choice Act - "Card Check" Bill \(H.R. 1409 & S. 560\)](#)

- Changes long-standing National Labor Relations Act protections that reach a balance between employees, unions and employers interests.
- Under this legislation, only 50% plus 1 of employees must sign authorization cards to meet the threshold for union certification. This means that workers could be asked to sign cards almost anywhere or at any time and repeatedly.
- Preserve the right of employees to choose union organization through the democratic process of a secret ballot.

Your Ask: *Oppose the Employee Free Choice Act (H.R. 1409 & S.560)*

[Direct Support Professionals Workforce Crisis](#)

- Support inclusion of provisions to address the crises in recruitment and retention of DSPs
- Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) are the lynchpin to community living. They enable people with disabilities of all ages to live in their own communities by assisting them with their daily affairs and intimate needs.
- Urge Members of the House of Representatives ONLY to support H.R. 868.

Your Ask: *Urge your member of Congress to include long-term services and support in health care.*