SUBJECT LINE: Constituent to XXXXX (insert your zip code here). Home care nursing needs your help

November 11, 2016

Dear (insert name of Senator or Representative),

I am writing today regarding a topic that is very close to my heart as the parent of a child with medical complexities – home care nursing. This service has been indispensable to our family in keeping our child healthy and at home (where they belong), but low reimbursement rates for home care nurses make it difficult to keep them.

Because companies such as Pediatric Home Service (who my child receives nursing through) aren’t able to pay nurses as much as the hospitals can, retention is nearly impossible and the staffing shortage they are experiencing is creating detrimental gaps in our child’s care. The worst case scenario is that my child would have to go back into the hospital if we can’t get the care we need at home. I see the care provided by nurses in my home, and I also see the care provided by the nurses in the hospitals – there is no difference in what they do. Just where they do it. In fact, the nurses who care for my child in our home are better suited to provide the care because they have an established relationship and know how to react to any symptoms my child may be experiencing. Home is where my child thrives, home is where my family thrives and home is where we want to be. Please help us stay here. The bill that speaks to my concerns is H.F. XXXX/ S.F. XXX.

I would love to have you come visit our home so I can show you exactly how vital these nurses are to the continued success of my child at home. Please contact me to arrange a time for you to visit. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Sign name

Include phone number

Include email