**[Your Name]**
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**Representative/Senator [Legislator’s Last Name]**
 [Legislator’s Address]
 [City, State, ZIP Code]

**Dear [Legislator’s Name],**

As a *[your role, e.g., administrator, caregiver, advocate]* serving older Iowans in your district, I am reaching out to urge your support for the $25 million appropriation for the 2025 Nursing Facility Rebase. This critical funding is necessary to ensure that older Iowans have access to the high-quality care they deserve.

Our organization is [*Insert a brief description of your organization, including the type of care you provide, the number of residents or clients you serve, and any specific challenges you face related to Medicaid reimbursement and workforce shortages. For example:*
 *"We are a nonprofit skilled nursing facility serving over 100 residents, half of whom rely on Medicaid. Our team provides skilled nursing, rehabilitation, and memory care services, but we face significant financial strain due to Medicaid rates that do not cover the full cost of care. Staffing shortages have further impacted our ability to maintain services, making sustainable funding critical to our continued operation."*]

As you may know, Iowa is on the brink of a demographic shift- by 2030, our state will have more residents aged 65 and older than those under 18. Yet, despite this growing demand, our aging services sector faces immense financial and operational challenges. Low Medicaid reimbursement rates create a 16% gap between the cost of care and the funding available, making it difficult for providers to keep their doors open and retain skilled staff. Since 2020, at least 40 nursing homes have closed across the state, putting the health and well-being of Iowa’s seniors at risk.

Nearly half of Iowa’s nursing home residents rely on Medicaid. Without sufficient funding, long-term care facilities will continue to struggle, leading to further closures and reduced access to essential services. Fully funding the 2025 Nursing Facility Rebase is a necessary step to stabilize the sector, ensure providers can meet rising healthcare costs, and allow older Iowans to receive care with dignity.

*[Insert specific details about the struggles your organization is experiencing due to inadequate Medicaid funding. For example: "Due to the growing gap between Medicaid reimbursement and actual care costs, we are operating at a deficit each month. This has forced us to make difficult decisions, including reducing staff hours, limiting admissions of Medicaid residents, and cutting back on essential services. We are struggling to recruit and retain caregivers because we cannot offer competitive wages, and many of our employees are leaving for higher-paying jobs in hospitals or other industries. If Medicaid funding is not increased, we fear we may have to close our doors, leaving our residents and families with nowhere to turn."*]

I urge you to prioritize this funding during the 2025 legislative session and support Iowa’s commitment to caring for its aging population. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to ensuring that all Iowans, regardless of financial means, can access quality long-term care.

I appreciate your time and consideration and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

**Sincerely,**
 [Your Name]
 [Your Organization]
 [Your Contact Information]