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Governor Jay Inslee
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Gov. Jay Inslee,

Please find enclosed printed and electronic petitions from 820 individual provider home care aides (IPs) serving Medicaid clients in Washington urging opposition to Senate Bill 6199.

This legislation will cost taxpayers tens of millions of dollars by layering on costly bureaucracy to the administration of Washington's home care program. In the process, the transition to a "consumer-directed employer" will disrupt the lives of caregivers and their families for years.

Lastly, SB 6199 will turn back the clock on workers' rights by allowing SEIU 775 to again seize 3.2 percent of caregivers' paychecks as a condition of employment. The U.S. Supreme Court's 2014 decision in *Harris v. Quinn* denounced this arrangement as an unconstitutional "scheme." This bill would re-implement this "scheme" by attempting to sidestep *Harris* on a technicality.

Passage of this legislation into law will invite years of additional litigation to protect IPs' rights.

Given that its primary purpose appears to be to reward a politically connected special interest group, SB 6199 was only narrowly passed by a sharply divided legislature.

Please listen to the voices of the caregivers who will have their rights undermined and their lives turned upside down by this legislation. Please veto SB 6199.

Sincerely,



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