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Talking points:

1. House File 2414 (The House Health and Human Services Omnibus Budget Bill) proposes major cuts to Minnesota nursing homes. If HF 2414 is enacted, nursing homes will lose more than \$200 million in funding and the two nursing homes operated by Episcopal Homes of MN in St Paul will lose \$850,000 annually. These cuts will have the greatest impact on wages, benefits, staffing levels and training, which comprise nearly 65% of nursing home costs.
2. Please oppose cuts to nursing home funding.

Representative for district including Episcopal Homes Campus:

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Rep. **FIRST LAST**

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Representative **LAST**:

On behalf of Episcopal Homes of MN, located on University Avenue in Saint Paul, I respectfully ask you to oppose or amend House File 2414 (Omnibus Health and Human Services bill). The bill contains several provisions that would have a serious impact on those who receive care, and their caregivers.

Unfortunately, as a result of HF 2414 bill, Minnesota nursing homes will lose more than \$200 million in funding - a \$68 million cut from the state budget, and the rest from a federal match and private pay. Episcopal Homes of MN will lose approximately \$850,000 in revenue annually by 2023 due to HF 2414. These cuts will have the greatest impact on wages, benefits and training, which comprise nearly 65% of nursing home costs.

Another 60,000 Minnesotans will turn 65 this year, next year, and every year during the 2020s. To meet the growing demand for care, we in Minnesota must recruit and retain another 25,000 caregivers and help them grow in their profession to ensure quality care and services for our seniors. We are concerned that cuts to nursing home funding and burdensome regulations in assisted living will hinder work that is underway to attract new people to the field of professional caregiving and create career pathways and pipelines that provide a skilled, stable labor force to meet the growing demand for safe, quality care across Minnesota.

We respectfully request that you oppose House File 2414. Episcopal Homes has been recognized for its high quality care and has a reputation for excellence. This legislation seriously impacts quality services to seniors and their caregivers.

Sincerely,