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## TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT THE SENATE VERSION OF THE STATE BUDGET

The South Carolina Legislature is working on a budget deal. Please tell your **House Member** to support family caregivers **by voting for the Senate version of the Office on Aging budget.**

**FAMILY CAREGIVERS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE** in ensuring seniors can remain in their homes. By assisting seniors who want to remain independent and at home, family caregivers are delaying the need for institutional care, a more expensive health care delivery system. Respite services support the health and well-being of family caregivers of persons with debilitating conditions by providing access to short-term respite through in-home care, adult day care or short-term facility

stays.

**INVESTING THESE DOLLARS CAN POTENTIALLY** save the state expenditures of more than \$30 million in delayed or prevented nursing home admissions over the next few years. The range of aging services, home-delivered meals, personal care, adult day services, etc., that help seniors remain in their home cost an average of \$1,318 dollars per individual per year.

In contrast, persons in Medicaid-paid nursing home beds cost taxpayers anywhere from \$25,000 to \$37,000 per year.

**SOUNDS ECONOMICALLY BENEFICIAL TO ME!  
BUT, WILL MY CALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**

**Please Call Your **SOUTH CAROLINA**  
House Member Today!**

Ask him or her to support family caregivers by voting for the Senate version of the state budget.

Call **1-844-250-5545** to be connected to your House member.



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