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Home and Community-Based Services Access Act
The Problem

01 The current system does not serve everyone in need of support

02 The current system does not adequately support the work force.
CURRENT SYSTEM DOESN'T SERVE EVERYONE

• Long waiting lists for people who are eligible. 850,000 people on lists, nationally.

• Countless others never get on the waiting list.

• Inconsistent ‘patchwork’ system causes harm.
NO ROBUST SUPPORT FOR WORKFORCE

• High turnover and job vacancies
• Low wages
• Poor benefits
• Minimal professional development opportunities
PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

What does this bill do?
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01 Establish a baseline criteria for services.
Consistent rules across the country.
No more patchwork systems.
Stabilize the infrastructure.

02 Make services an entitlement under Medicaid
Eliminate waiting lists in 41 states.
Action: due by April 26th

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COMMENT PROMPTS

• What should minimum standards or services be?
• How do we make sure Medicaid pay rates are fair?
• How do we support the workforce?
• How can the program support family caregivers, provider agencies, and independent providers?
• What role should managed care play?
• How do we protect the independence and autonomy of folks who use these services?
• How can this program make communication easier between those receiving services, Medicaid, and direct care workers?