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## PHA Thanks Lawmakers, Urges Governor Wolf to Sign Much-Needed Limited Liability Protection

Harrisburg (November 20, 2020) – Teri Henning, CEO of the Pennsylvania Homecare Association, issued the following statement in response to the passage of House Bill 1737, which now moves to the Governor's desk. This important legislation will provide much-needed, limited liability protection for home-based care providers and others.

"Throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency, home-based care providers have continued to serve hundreds of thousands of vulnerable Pennsylvanians in their homes, facing limited resources and an ever-changing regulatory environment.

"House Bill 1737 provides limited liability to health care providers, including homecare, home health and hospice, during the emergency disaster declaration. It protects them from frivolous lawsuits and allows them to focus on what matters – keeping patients, consumers and caregivers safe, healthy, and alive.

"PHA thanks the leadership and members of the general assembly and urges Governor Tom Wolf to support these critical efforts to protect long-term care providers during this public health emergency. As COVID-19 cases continue to rise across the commonwealth, we ask for his continued support for those on the frontlines who are answering the call to flatten the curve, once again.

**About PHA...** The Pennsylvania Homecare Association is a statewide organization of nearly 700 homecare and hospice providers. PHA members provide quality care and serve as advocates for their patients and clients on a variety of healthcare related issues. PHA and its members work to improve professional standards and ensure access to quality homecare throughout the Commonwealth. To learn more, visit www.pahomecare.org.

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