Dear Abigail,

I am the XX of XX and a Board Member at the Ohio Provider Resource Association. A few weeks ago, I listened to OPRA’s townhall with Senator Brown. I want to thank you and the Senator for joining us on our townhall to listen how our system struggles for short and long-term sustainability amidst the COVID 19 pandemic. My agency and the Ohioans we support are so appreciative of your continued support prior to and during this pandemic!

**I write today to express my frustration over the Senate’s exclusion of HEROES Act sections 30103 in HEALS Act.** The exclusion of both provisions threatens the short and long-term sustainability of services for Ohioans with intellectual and developmental disabilities and leaves XX Ohioans at risk of losing service they rely on that my agency provides.

* A few demographics about your organization (what services you provide, where you provide them, how many people you support, how many people you employ).
* Explain how COVID has most significantly impacted your agency. This could be about staffing issues, costs to redesign services, PPE, cost of shutting down etc.
* Include 2 or 3 sentences about the steps your agency has taken to survive the pandemic.

As your office continues to negotiate this next COVID relief bill, please remember that our services and the Ohioans they support can’t afford to be left out of the conversation. Thank you for your continued advocacy!

Sincerely,

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