February 1, 2022

Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice Chair Robinson, and Members of the Committee:

<u>I am writing this letter in support of SB 1556 Home Care Worker certification</u>. There are many reasons for this support.

A public certification process can lead to better and more consistent compensation for these challenging jobs. Better wages for home care workers mean better care for consumers and their families. Demand for these services is currently on the rise. Home care workers will be able to access their own records which can be useful as they build career pipelines and invest in professional development.

Please vote in favor of SB 1556. Thank you for your support.

Patricia Howell Seaside Public Policy Chair