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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Human
Services

Measure: SB5520

Co-Chair Campos and Valderrama and members of the Committee.

I am writing in support of SB5520, which appropriates moneys from the General Fund to Long Term Care Ombudsman for biennial expenses. As a resident of this district and someone who cares deeply about the welfare of our seniors, I strongly believe that this bill is a step in the right direction for ensuring that our elderly population receives the care they deserve.

The Long Term Care Ombudsman plays a vital role in advocating for residents in long-term care facilities, which are often some of the most vulnerable members of our community. This bill provides the necessary funding to ensure that the Ombudsman can continue their important work, and that they have the resources they need to serve as a watchdog for our seniors.

This bill limits biennial expenditures from fees, moneys, or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts and federal Older Americans Act funds received from Department of Human Services, but excluding lottery funds and other federal funds, collected or received by Long Term Care Ombudsman. This measure ensures that the funds are being used efficiently and effectively, without putting an undue burden on the taxpayers. For these reasons, I urge the members of the committee to support SB5520. Thank you for your attention and consideration.