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**Statement from Long Term Care Imperative  
on Emergency COVID-19 Funding Bill**

We appreciate the Minnesota Legislature taking an important step toward addressing the costs associated with preparation and response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The \$200 million bill for a health care response fund and public health response contingency fund will help provide resources for the investments all health care providers, including senior care, are making to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 in their setting.

Senior caregivers across the state are doing all that they can to protect older adults and staff from this virus and prevent transmission within the broader community. Our dedicated professional caregivers have been working tirelessly to save lives, prevent serious illnesses and provide compassionate support. There are expenses being incurred today to prevent outbreaks in senior care settings, and we know there will be far greater expenses for communities that experience an outbreak of any size.

We are reviewing the public health response legislation in more detail in terms of how it will be implemented and costs that will be covered. We appreciate the collaborative nature of Minnesota's health care sector and government officials as we know we all need to work together to combat COVID-19 in our state. Thank you to the Legislature and the Walz Administration for recognizing the important role of all caregivers, especially in the senior care provider community, as we work together to respond to COVID-19.

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