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## Statement from Long-Term Care Leaders on First Meeting of the Minnesota Nursing Home Workforce Standards Board

**September 14 – ST. PAUL, MINN.** – Ahead of today’s first meeting of the Minnesota Nursing Home Workforce Standards Board, leaders from the Long-Term Care Imperative issued the following statement:

“We look forward to this board shining a long overdue spotlight on the dire need for a livable wage for our professional senior caregivers,” said Kari Thurlow, CEO of LeadingAge Minnesota. “For years, we have tirelessly advocated for legislative action to prioritize funding for wage increases. While we were pleased to see the legislature take an important step forward last session, we have a long way to go to ensure a sustainable state investment in our caregivers and our seniors.”

“Our seniors deserve access to the highest quality care in their communities, and access is contingent on having available workers for all of our positions,” said Patti Cullen, CEO of Care Providers of Minnesota. “We’re hopeful that this board will find that if we want an equitable and sustainable workforce that is capable of caring for Minnesota’s seniors, the legislature must act to raise rates. Together, we can make Minnesota the best state in the country to grow old.”

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*The Long-Term Care Imperative (LTCI) is a partnership of Minnesota's two senior care provider associations – [Care Providers of Minnesota](#) and [LeadingAge Minnesota](#). LTCI members employ 80,000 professional caregivers in Minnesota, meeting the needs of seniors in all the places seniors call home – including short-term care, assisted living, memory care and skilled nursing homes.*