

**SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING FAIR PAY FOR HOME CARE**

**An act to amend the public health law, in relation to the "fair pay for home care act"**

**PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF**

**BILL:** <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2023/S3189/amendment/A> *To strengthen the ability of New Yorkers to live and age in the community by investing in a quality home care system through the establishment of a minimum wage specific to the home care sector indexed to 150% of the state minimum wage and ensure provider reimbursement from the state and managed care organizations operating under Medicaid are sufficient to fund a high-quality system.*

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 4 people eligible for home care cannot find the care they need and 3 in 4 struggle to retain the care they have; and

**WHEREAS**, New York's home care worker shortage can be helped by instituting fair wages as New York's population ages and home care workers leave the sector; and

**WHEREAS**, The Fair Pay for Home Care Act (A8821/S3189A) provides for a minimum wage of 150% of the applicable statewide or regional minimum wage; and

**WHEREAS**, Four Freedoms Democratic Club believes that all New Yorkers should have access to adequate, dignified and high-quality health care regardless of age, disability or economic status, and acknowledges the value and necessity of a robust workforce of home care workers;

**IF APPROVED by FFDC**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Four Freedoms Democratic Club hereby supports The Fair Pay for Home Care Act (A8821/S3189A) and advocates for its passage and implementation; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Four Freedoms Democratic Club shall communicate this support to relevant stakeholders, including government officials, community organizations, and the public and encourage all stakeholders to support this legislation and advocate for its adoption; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Four Freedoms Democratic Club supports and advocates for efforts to improve conditions for, and increases in a vital workforce of home care

workers to care for our growing population of aged and disabled individuals in their homes.