February 22, 2021

The Honorable Emanuel Clever

United States Representative

2335 Rayburn HOB

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Cleaver:

As Congress considers increasing the Federal Minimum Wage to $15.00 per hour, please seriously consider legislation that will incrementally increase the amount the Federal Government pays to states for Medicaid adult day care expenditures. As Minimum Wage increases, so should the Medicaid rate.

Our loved one enjoys going to the center, engaging in activities, getting personalized care, consuming nutritious meals and snacks, and socializing in a small group setting with others. The center gives us as care givers a short but needed break from providing constant care to our loved one, and it allows us and our loved one piece of mind knowing the center and its staff is there for us. An important benefit of an adult day services center is that the cost of services is much less than the cost of an assisted living, nursing home or hospital care facility. We are writing to let you know that we are concerned that the increasing costs to adult day services providers, without corresponding increasing revenue, will put many providers out of business. We do not want our loved one, who currently participates in services provided from an adult day services center, to be forced into a care facility. Please consider these facts when finalizing your budget and add in an increase for the Medicaid rate to cover the increased mandatory wages for employees.

Sincerely,

Participant or Family Member’s Signature

Participant or Family Member’s Name

Optional: Participant or Family Member’s Address

Optional: Participant or Family Member’s Email Address

Optional: Participant or Family Member’s Phone Number

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The Honorable Mike Parson, Governor, State of Missouri (List all parties you will copy this letter to or remove Cc:)