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IN RHODE ISLAND TODAY:

- There are approximately 136,000 people with disabilities ¹
- There are over 187,000 people ages 65 and older ²



THE BETTER CARE BETTER JOBS ACT WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR

Over 7,200 family caregivers in Rhode Island to return to work ³

The Better Care Better Jobs Act Invests in Cost-Effective Services

Cost of Home Care	Cost of Congregate Care
Per Person/Per Year	Per Person/Per Year
\$26,0004	\$90,0005



The Better Care Better Jobs Act would provide almost 22,000 more seniors and people with disabilities with needed services in Rhode Island ⁷

THE BETTER CARE BETTER JOBS ACT WOULD CREATE

Over 3,500 new home care jobs in Rhode Island and raise wages for care workers—today, the median wage is under \$14 per hour ⁸



MORE THAN 3 IN 4 AMERICANS SUPPORT THE BETTER CARE BETTER JOBS ACT

- 79 percent support funding service expansions
- 79 percent support paying home care workers competitive wages⁹



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