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LutherCare's Response to Pennsylvania Senate Bill 850

LutherCare announced today that the organization requests that the PA House of Representatives not cut spending for Medical Assistance program in Senate Bill 850 in order to balance the state budget. The organization agrees with PANPHA (an association of nonprofit senior services) that a budget that doesn't keep pace with the rising costs of caring for residents paid for by the Medical Assistance program in a skilled nursing center, amounts to a tax increase on the private pay residents and dedicated staff that provide care to our most vulnerable citizens. The [July 9, PANPHA Member Alert](#), explains how these cuts jeopardizes long-term care in the Medicaid program.

If you wish your voice to be heard, please call your local congressman to let them know how these cuts will affect you. The Senators for the Luther Acres and St. John's Herr Estate campuses is Mike Brubaker at 717-627-0036 and for the Spang Crest campus is Mike Folmer at 717-274-6735. The Congressman for the Luther Acres campus, Lititz, is John Bear at 717-626-4234, for the St. John's Herr Estate campus, Columbia, it is David Hickernell at 717-684-5525 and for the Spang Crest campus, Lebanon, please call Mauree Gingrich at 717-270-1908.

LutherCare, a social ministry organization affiliated with the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Lutheran Services in America is a leading provider of residential, assisted living, and skilled care residences in Lancaster and Lebanon County. LutherCare operates Luther Acres, a Continuing Care Retirement Community in Lititz, PA, Spang Crest Manor, a skilled nursing, rehabilitation center and assisted living community in Lebanon, PA and St. John's Herr Estate, a residential and assisted living community in Columbia, PA. In addition, LutherCare also operates five childcare centers in Lebanon, Annville, Reamstown, Lancaster and Columbia.

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