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To kick off the 2018 grassroots efforts in support of the *Nursing Home Quality Jobs Initiative*, Mass Senior Care will be delivering signed thank you cards from member facilities to legislators. In FY 2018, the state maintained the \$35.5 million direct care add on to fund wage increases and/or bonuses for frontline nursing home staff. Mass Senior Care is urging the Massachusetts Legislature to continue this investment and to make quality nursing home care a priority in the state FY 2019 budget. Our goal is to deliver a thank you card to every legislative office by the end of February.

Members received two personalized thank you cards (<u>view a sample Thank You Card</u>) in the mail last week. Please work with your facility's staff, residents and their family members immediately to fill each card with signatures and/or photos for your state representative and senator. **Please mail your thank you cards to Mass Senior Care's office by Friday, February 23rd:**

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