

ACTION REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY

AB 392 TO BE HEARD IN SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE

AB 392 is the *urgency* legislation that if passed will provide \$1.6M in immediate funding to the Ombudsman Program.

The bill is now in the Senate side of the legislature. It will go to the **Senate Health Committee JUNE 10TH**. The rules require that for input to a committee to become part of the committee's official record, written support or opposition must be received one week before the committee hearing either through the US Postal Service or by FAX.

Letters of support should be directed to Senator Elaine Alquist, Chair of the Senate Health Committee.

Please **COPY** the letter below, and **FAX** it to: **Senator Elaine Alquist, Chair, Senate Health Committee at (916) 324-0384.**

REMEMBER TO SIGN THE LETTER WITH BOTH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

If you do not have a FAX phone available to you, call **Diane Spenser** at the **Alliance on Aging** office **(831) 655-4241**. Give her your name, address and permission to FAX the letter for you.

When a local legislator serves on the committee where the bill is being heard, it is a good idea to e-mail that legislator and urge him or her to support the bill. **Senator Abel Maldonado** is a member of the **Senate Health Committee** and represents Monterey coastal communities including the Monterey Peninsula. Click on [EMAIL SENATOR MALDONADO](#) and **urge him to support AB 392**, which will provide funding for the Ombudsman Program at **no cost to the taxpayer**.

Senator Elaine Alquist
Chair Senate Health Committee

Dear Senator Alquist:

I am writing you today to ask you to urge members of the Health Committee to **support AB 392** (Feuer and Jones) when it comes to the Health Committee. This bill will help restore funding to the Ombudsman Program at no cost to the taxpayer.

People in nursing homes and residential care facilities count on Ombudsmen to protect their health and safety. The presence of Ombudsmen was severely reduced by the budget cut last fall. Funding for almost 50% of the staff who train and supervise volunteer Certified Ombudsmen was eliminated. The program cannot sustain itself without restored long term funding.

An overwhelming number of seniors and organizations serving seniors **support** this bill and recognize the need to protect the health and safety of our fastest growing population---seniors.

Please continue to provide a voice for our most vulnerable citizens.

Yours truly,

cc Senate Health Committee Members