



November 14, 2023

The Honorable Jacky Rosen  
United States Senate  
713 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
United States Senate  
522 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Rosen and Murkowski:

AARP, which advocates for the more than 100 million Americans age 50 and older, is pleased to endorse the bipartisan Provider Training in Palliative Care Act (S. 2117). Your legislation would help increase the number of providers in our country who are trained in palliative care by allowing participants in the National Health Service Corps to defer their service for up to one year to get specific training in palliative care.

For people with serious illnesses and their families, palliative care can help provide much-needed relief from symptoms and the stress that goes with them. Unfortunately, too often, people who need this kind of care cannot get access due to shortages of trained providers. No one should be forced to suffer serious pain when we have services available to relieve their suffering. That is why it is so important to increase training for primary care professionals in palliative care, especially in underserved areas.

Thank you again for your efforts on this important issue. We look forward to Congress passing this important legislation. If you have any questions, please contact me, or have your staff contact Rhonda Richards of our Government Affairs team at [r-richards@aarpp.org](mailto:r-richards@aarpp.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Bill Sweeney".

Bill Sweeney  
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