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Dear New Jersey Home Health Aides,

Congratulations on the important work that you do each day, and thank you for your positive contributions to families and communities all across New Jersey.

Your commitment to helping those citizens at all stages of life – the elderly in poor health, the terminally ill, the fragile children with health issues, and those with a disability and illness – is highly valued and greatly appreciated. You preserve the solidarity of families, a cornerstone of our society, and allow those you serve to live better, healthier lives. Your commitment to excellence, compassion, and integrity is noteworthy.

The everyday struggles of individuals served by the Department of Human Services are magnified in difficult economic times. I am grateful for the Department's partnership with the Home Health Care Aide community, and your willingness to help the State to achieve working solutions with our limited available resources.

I commend the Home Care Association of New Jersey, the New Jersey Hospital Association, the New Jersey Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, the Home Care Council of New Jersey, the Health Care Association of New Jersey, the Home Health Services and Staffing Association of New Jersey, and the Leading Age New Jersey for sponsoring this important day.

Congratulations again, and enjoy your very special day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Velez", written in a cursive style.

*Jennifer Velez
Commissioner*