



To David Sassoli, President of the
European Parliament

To the Presidents of the EP political groups

Dear President,

We welcome the inclusion of a debate on “the impact of Covid-19 outbreak on long-term care facilities” in the provisional agenda of next plenary of the European Parliament. We are now addressing this letter to you to express the importance that this debate can have for European citizens and to urge you to confirm this agenda point without postponing it further. We address you on behalf of EPSU, the European Federation of Public Service Unions that organises more than 3 million workers in health and social services, AGE Platform Europe, the European network of organisations advocating for the rights of older people, and the European Disability Forum (EDF), the umbrella organisation representing 100 million persons with disabilities in Europe. On 1 July we jointly called the Members of Parliament with a [letter](#) asking to shed a light on the tragic events that occurred in LTC facilities during the COVID 19 emergency. Our call was immediately supported by [88 MEPs across the political spectrum](#). Having this debate on the agenda will send a clear signal to citizens, but in particular to the million of users and workers of care and support services that they matter, that they have not been forgotten.

It is crucial that this debate is given priority and not postponed anymore,

We remain at your disposal you may wish to discuss further this matter in view of this debate or afterwards,

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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