# How Alaska **Benefits**





**U.S. Senator Bob Casey** 



#### IN ALASKA TODAY:

- There are over 81,200 people with disabilities<sup>1</sup>
- There are over 90,000 people ages 65 and older <sup>2</sup>



#### THE BETTER CARE BETTER JOBS ACT WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR

More than 450 family caregivers in Alaska to return to work<sup>3</sup>

#### The Better Care Better Jobs Act Invests in Cost-Effective Services

| Cost of Home Care     | Cost of Congregate Care |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Per Person/Per Year   | Per Person/Per Year     |
| \$26,000 <sup>4</sup> | \$90,0005               |



### **OVER 900 PEOPLE IN** ALASKA ARE ON WAITING LISTS FOR SERVICES°

The Better Care Better Jobs Act would provide 1,360 more seniors and people with disabilities with needed services in Alaska 7

#### THE BETTER CARE BETTER JOBS ACT WOULD CREATE

Over 215 new home care jobs and raise wages for care workers—the median wage is roughly \$16 per hour 8



#### MORE THAN 3 IN 4 AMERICANS SUPPORT THE BETTER CARE BETTER JOBS ACT

- 79 percent support funding service expansions
- 79 percent support paying home care workers competitive wages<sup>9</sup>



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