



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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THE GOVERNOR

Dear Fellow Pennsylvanian:

I am writing you about one of the most important issues we all need to consider: planning ahead for our long term living needs. Although we often do not like to think about the challenges that come along as we age, it is likely that most of us will need long term living services and supports at some point in the future. The cost of long-term care is very high and Medicare generally does not pay for it. If we do not plan ahead, covering the cost of these services can be a major burden to us and to our families.

As Governor, I am committed to ensuring that Pennsylvanians experience a positive quality of life along their entire life span. By the year 2020, one in four Pennsylvanians will be age 60 or older. This is why I encourage you to learn more about *Own Your Future*, a partnership between Pennsylvania and the federal government to help Pennsylvanians between the ages of 45 and 65 plan ahead for their long term living needs.

It is never too early to begin thinking about your future long term living needs. You may also be in a position to help an older parent plan for his or her long term living needs. There is much you can do to anticipate financial, housing, and legal needs; you can take the first step by ordering the "Long-Term Care Planning Kit" created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. You can do so by submitting the business reply card attached to the enclosed brochure, calling the toll-free phone number, 1-866-PLAN-LTC (1-866-752-6582), or by ordering or downloading the Kit from the internet at www.longtermcare.gov/campaign.

You can meet your future long term living needs best by planning ahead! Please *Own Your Future* by ordering your "Long-Term Care Planning Kit" today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward G. Rendell".

Edward G. Rendell
Governor