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**PACE**  
Association

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The Honorable Pete Stark  
United States Representatives  
Cannon House Office Building, Room: 239  
1st and Independence Ave., S.E.  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The National PACE Association (NPA) expresses its support for H.R. 3962, *the Affordable Health Care for America Act*, and appreciates your ongoing efforts to ensure that major reform of the health care system becomes a reality. The NPA represents the Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), a fully integrated Medicare and Medicaid program for older adults eligible for nursing home care. PACE organizations, working with program participants and their families, strive to maximize participants' independence and function in the community as an alternative to long-term institutional care.

On behalf of PACE organizations and the beneficiaries they serve, we are especially grateful that, like H.R. 3200, H.R. 3962 recognizes important distinctions between Medicare Advantage (MA) plans and PACE provider organizations, particularly in regard to future payment policies. We are also pleased that the House bill includes the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports Act (CLASS Act) which will benefit functionally impaired Americans, like individuals eligible for PACE services, in the future by affording them much needed resources to maintain independent in the community.

We look forward to working with you as the legislation progresses, and would appreciate the opportunity to provide you with more information about PACE should any issues or questions arise. Please feel free to contact me at [shawnb@npaonline.org](mailto:shawnb@npaonline.org) or (703) 535-1567 or Brenda Sulick at [Brendas@npaonline.org](mailto:Brendas@npaonline.org) or (703) 535-1521.

Thank you for your leadership and concern for PACE beneficiaries and all frail older adults. We are ready to assist you in whatever way we can.

Sincerely,

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