House Passes H.R. 1005

<u>H.R. 1005</u> introduced by Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-NY1) was passed unanimously by voice vote and will now go to the Senate. You will recall that H.R. 1005 is one of the bills we urged Members of Congress to cosponsor and pass during our Capitol Hill visits two weeks ago.

<u>H.R. 1005</u> directs the Veterans Administration to initiate contracts or agreements with state veterans homes specifically to provide ADHC services to veterans who would otherwise qualify for inpatient care. The intent of the legislation is to allow veterans homes to establish ADHC services on the home's property or to sub-contract with nearby ADHC providers.

Now is the time to send a "thank you" note to your Representative for his/her support of this legislation. A prompt email of thanks will receive uncommon notice because few people will know that this legislation has passed for a day or more. In fact, the information of passage may not appear on the reporting services until tomorrow.

Next week, after the bill has been transferred to the Senate, it will be time to urge passage of that bill of the Senate companion (identical) version <u>S. 324</u>.