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ACTION NEEDED:

ADS Providers Must Advocate to Their Congressional Representatives to Re-establish the House Select Committee on Aging

Dear NADSA Member:

Adult Day Services providers and colleagues who support services and funding for aging services are asked to email communication to urge their Congressional Representatives to co-sponsor and support Rep. David Cicilline's H.Res.821.

H.Res.821 states in part as follows:

Permanent Select Committee on Aging

"12. There is established a Permanent Select Committee on Aging which shall not have legislative jurisdiction but which shall have jurisdiction—

"(1) to conduct a continuing comprehensive study and review of the problems of the older American, including but not limited to income maintenance, poverty, housing, health (including medical research), welfare, employment, education, recreation, and long-term care;

"(2) "to study the use of all practicable means and methods of encouraging the development of public and private programs and policies which will assist the older American in taking a full part in national life and which will encourage the utilization of the knowledge, skills, special aptitudes, and abilities of older Americans to contribute to a better quality of life for all Americans;

"(3) "to develop policies that would encourage the coordination of both governmental and private programs designed to deal with problems of aging; and

“(4) “to review any recommendations made by the President or by the White House Conference on aging relation to programs or policies affecting older Americans.”

BACKGROUND: The House had a Select Committee on Aging from 1974 thru the 1993-94 session. For reasons that at this time are unclear, it was dissolved with House reorganization in 1995. Here is a link to the effort by Rep. Cicilline to re-establish the committee with a synopsis of the activities it previously undertook:

<https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/news/congressman-looks-to-re-establish-aging-committee-in-house/> (The article is dated and does not recognize Sen. Casey who is now chair of the Senate Select Committee on Aging and Sen. Collins who is the Ranking Member.)

ACTION REQUESTED

Here is a sample email to send to your Congressional Representative and a link to assist you in looking up the email address: [Congressional Representative Search](#)

Dear Representative [name of representative]:

As one of your constituents and supporter of services and funding for the aging population, I am requesting your action to co-sponsor and support Rep. David Cicilline’s H.Res.821. You can facilitate your support by contacting Christina.Rankin@mail.house.gov in Rep. Cicilline’s office.

The purpose and focus of the Committee is proposed to mirror a similar Senate Committee.

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It is my understanding that the House had a Select Committee on Aging from 1974 thru the 1993-94 session. For reasons which remain unclear, it was dissolved with House reorganization in 1995. This is a link to the effort by Rep. Cicilline to reestablish

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Thank you for your consideration of my request to support Rep Cicilline's sponsorship of H.Res.821. I look forward to learning your response.

Sincerely,

Your name, congressional district, email address

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