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Washington, DC – Participants in the Bring the Vote Home initiative today thanked Representative Dave Loebsack (IA-2) for supporting Iowa seniors by speaking out about the value of home healthcare services for the state's Medicare beneficiaries.

Bring the Vote Home is a nationwide initiative to help senior, disabled and homebound Americans and their clinicians cast their votes this election year. Iowa's home healthcare community, which represents 24,000 Medicare home health beneficiaries and 3,550 skilled home health clinicians, is taking part in this national effort.

Bring the Vote Home is also offering lawmakers an opportunity to express their views about home healthcare via the initiative's website at www.bringthevotehome.org.

"The advantage of being home with your loved ones can make the world of difference in positive health outcomes," said Representative Dave Loebsack (IA-2) in a statement on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. "This is particularly important in rural areas like many parts of my district, where there often are fewer providers and choices when it comes to nursing care. As we work to find cost savings, it is important to keep in mind that home health care providers deliver quality, effective health care to our seniors and helps to keep Medicare costs down."

Bring the Vote Home is a collective effort by home healthcare community leaders to offer the nation's 12 million home healthcare patients – including 3.5 million Medicare beneficiaries – the

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opportunity to vote this election cycle. Because Medicare beneficiaries must be homebound to be eligible for Medicare's home healthcare benefit, it is challenging for them to travel to polling spots. Bring the Vote Home offers both home health patients and their clinicians access to online tools and educational materials with detailed information on how to officially register or obtain an absentee ballot.

"We are dedicated to ensuring that our patients, our clinicians and our entire community have a voice this election season to ensure senior care issues are front and center," said Kim Foltz, Executive Director & CEO for the Iowa Alliance in Home Care. "We thank Representative Loebsack for recognizing the great value home healthcare brings to our state's seniors, the Medicare program and the healthcare delivery system as a whole."

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Bring the Vote Home is a nationwide citizenship project coordinated by the [Council for State Home Care Associations](#)

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, and other home health community members to help America's approximately 12 million home healthcare patients, including 3.5 Medicare beneficiaries, and skilled healthcare professionals exercise their right to vote in national and state elections this November. To learn more, visit www.bringthevotehome.org