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AHCA/NCAL Lauds Congressman Latham for Addressing Extraneous Regulation in Long Term and Post-Acute Care

WASHINGTON, DC - The American Health Care Association and the National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) today applauded Representative Tom Latham (R-IA), Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, for his leadership in protecting nursing homes and assisted living communities financed with loans insured by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from unnecessary regulation.

According to a [report](#) submitted by Representative Latham, inspections for facilities insured under Section 232 of the National Housing Act can be “duplicative with state and local health and safety codes and at times even contradictory.”

“The nursing home profession is one of the most regulated industries in the country,” said Governor Mark Parkinson, President and CEO of AHCA/NCAL. “In these tough economic times, our profession is already suffering billions in Medicare and Medicaid cuts, and the cost burdens that come with these duplicative surveys add more to this difficulty. We applaud the committee for including language in its report to limit these surveys and thank Congressman Latham for his foresight in addressing this issue of excessive and unnecessary regulation.”

The committee report accompanied the bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. It further directs HUD to issue regulations limiting such inspections to those facilities for which the state or local government does not inspect or provide sufficient inspections, in accordance with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance.

AHCA/NCAL will be following up with HUD as they move towards implementation of the committee report recommendations.