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### **LutherCare Supports CLASS Act**

LutherCare announced today that the organization supports the Community Living and Supportive Services (CLASS) Act that is included in the Senate's health care legislation. This work is for the millions of people who need and provide long-term services and supports. LutherCare urges the House to incorporate the CLASS Act into their bill.

If you wish your voice to be heard, please email Rep. Joseph R. Pitts, your member of Congress, to show him how important his role is in keeping long-term services and supports in health reform. He needs to understand how important this issue is to you and other constituents. To communicate this message, send an email now. Simply go to <http://capwiz.com/aahsa/utr/1/BSMCKVNYGX/ORRKKVOBEL/3629081141> and send the message.

In addition to the email, on Wednesday, July 15, A Congressional Call-in is planned to flood key members of congress with the message to include the CLASS Act in the House's health care reform bill. Between 9 am and 6 pm, arrange to call Rep. Pitts at 1-866-459-2036. To be connected to the proper office, say Representative's Pitts last name when prompted. The following script is a sample of what could be said. "Hello. I am calling to urge Rep. Joseph R. Pitts to ensure that the CLASS Act for long-term services and supports is included in the House's version of health care reform legislation. This legislation will create an insurance program to help people pay for the long-term services and supports they need without contributing to the federal deficit. Can you tell me the Congressman's position on this?"

LutherCare, a social ministry organization affiliated with the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Lutheran Services in America is a leading provider of residential, assisted living, and skilled care residences in Lancaster and Lebanon County. LutherCare operates Luther Acres, a Continuing Care Retirement Community in Lititz, PA, Spang Crest Manor, a skilled nursing, rehabilitation center and assisted living community in Lebanon, PA and St. John's Herr Estate, a residential and assisted living community in Columbia, PA. In addition, LutherCare also operates five childcare centers in Lebanon, Annville, Reamstown, Lancaster and Columbia.

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