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Sacramento, CA – December 12, 2023 – CalPACE Applauds U.S. Representatives Brownley and Takano for Increasing Veterans' Access to PACE

Sacramento, CA – CalPACE applauds U.S. Reps. Brownley and Takano for their unwavering commitment to increasing access for our nation's veterans to the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) through the passage of H.R. 542, the Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act, through the House of Representatives.

Through their exceptional leadership, the Dole Act passed overwhelmingly, 414-5, paving the way for expanded access to essential home and community-based care, including PACE, for veterans eligible for health care benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Of particular significance is their dedication to ensuring VA Medical Centers establish partnerships with Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) organizations, thereby ensuring access to PACE and enhancing the reach of this crucial care model. This visionary approach outlined in H.R. 542 will enhance the quality of life for more veterans, providing them with the support and resources they so rightly deserve.

"We extend our deepest appreciation to Representatives Brownley and Takano for their efforts in championing the Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act," said Val Sheehan, CEO at CalPACE. "Their commitment to our veterans' well-being and their bipartisan collaboration in advancing this critical legislation are commendable and truly reflect their dedication to serving our nation's heroes."

CalPACE remains committed to supporting initiatives that positively impact the lives of older adults and looks forward to the continued progress and success of H.R. 542 as it moves through the legislative process.

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About CalPACE:

The California PACE Association (CalPACE) works to advance the efforts of Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE®). PACE programs coordinate and provide all needed preventive, primary, acute, and long-term care services so older individuals can continue living in the community.

The PACE model is centered on the belief that it is better for the well-being of seniors with chronic care needs and their families to be served in the community whenever possible.