

The
Alliance
For Quality Nursing Home Care

November 18, 2003

The Honorable Bill Frist
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
The Capitol, S-208
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dennis Hastert
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
The Capitol, H-232
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader Frist and Speaker Hastert:

On behalf of 1.5 million frail, elderly and disabled Americans and their families, as well as the two million long-term health care professionals who provide care, the Alliance for Quality Nursing Home Care (AQNHC) enthusiastically endorses the bipartisan Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 conference report. We salute your determined efforts, as well as the leadership of Chairmen Grassley and Thomas, in working with Senators Breaux and Baucus to strengthen Medicare and to ensure quality long-term care services.

The Alliance for Quality Nursing Home Care supports the quick passage of the conference report. This legislation will make a critical difference in the lives of the nation's senior citizens.

Sincerely,



Stephen Guillard
Chairman
Alliance for Quality Nursing Home Care

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