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One Senior Care Applauds Introduction of the PACE Access Improvement Act

Erie, PA – [One Senior Care](#)—a leading rural PACE provider—applauds the introduction of the bipartisan PACE Access Improvement Act by Representatives Debbie Dingell (MI-06) and John Moolenaar (MI-02). If passed, the legislation would expand access to the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), a proven model of care that helps individuals who are 55 and older age independently in their own homes. Through PACE, eligible participants can access a variety of services including personalized medical care, transportation services, medication management, recreational and social activities, in-home care, and more.

Despite the program's [proven benefits](#), barriers to participant enrollment and PACE expansion remain. Currently, older adults can only enroll in PACE services at the beginning of the month, but this bill would eliminate that limitation and instead allow eligible adults to enroll at any time during the month, greatly expanding access to PACE. It would also streamline the application process for PACE providers and strengthen education efforts to ensure more eligible individuals are aware of PACE as a care option.

“When prospective participants are forced to wait until the end of the month to enroll in a PACE program, it leads to unnecessary delays in care for individuals who may be at high risk for hospital admission, falls, or other medical crises. By allowing PACE providers to access applicants swiftly after they indicate interest in the program—which this legislation would make possible—we can initiate care earlier to avoid potential negative healthcare events,” said Craig Worland, CEO of One Senior Care. “The PACE Access Improvement Act is an important step to help ensure more eligible individuals know about the PACE program and give potential providers the tools they need to expand access to this comprehensive model of care.”

“We are grateful to Representatives Dingell and Moolenaar for their bipartisan leadership and for introducing legislation that would remove unnecessary barriers to PACE access and growth,” said Nicole Farkas, Executive Director of PACE North, a Michigan-based partner to One Senior Care. “By making it easier for eligible individuals to enroll and for PACE

organizations to expand, this legislation would help ensure that seniors in Michigan and beyond can receive the care they need to remain independent as they age.”

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