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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

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Coalition of Caring  
52 Pleasant Street  
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Dear Friends,

Today I join the Coalition of Caring in celebrating the 17th Annual Caregivers Conference. I commend the Coalition of Caring for all the work it has done to empower our communities that need it the most. The support the Coalition provides to seniors, people with chronic illnesses, individuals who experience disabilities, those in hospice, as well as supporting the individuals serving as caregivers is integral to the provision of quality health care in our communities.

Since its founding in 2006, the Coalition of Caring has worked tirelessly to strengthen caregivers, who are a critical part of our health care system. Despite being such an essential part of our system, caregivers often go unrecognized while providing millions of dollars worth of unpaid direct care and support. As you may know, we face a critical need for health care workers across the board, even before the COVID-19 pandemic. This makes the Coalition's work to provide our state's essential caregiving workforce with the practical skills, current information, and emotional support they need to overcome burnout all the more important. By raising community awareness, the Coalition's efforts help others understand and recognize the well-deserved importance of our caregivers.

As your Representative for New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I have made it a priority to advocate for and support our caregivers. I was proud to sponsor H.R.5384, the *Advancing Enrollment and Reducing Drug Costs Act of 2023*, to automatically enroll qualifying individuals for Medicare subsidies to save on prescription drug costs, and to co-sponsor H.R. 2941, the *Recognizing the Role of Direct Support Professionals Act*, to establish direct support professionals as a formal category with official agencies to better recognize and collect data to support this workforce. Congress must provide our caregivers with the aid and recognition they deserve, and ensure that all Granite Staters receive quality, affordable care.

I want to thank the many volunteers and staff who have organized today's event. The Granite State is fortunate to have caregivers like all of you who are committed to providing compassionate care. If my office can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Pappas".

Chris Pappas  
Member of Congress