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The Illinois Association of Community Care Program Homecare Providers (IACCPHP) represents dozens of provider agencies who are contracted with the Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) to provide homecare services through the state's Community Care Program (CCP).

Each year, the Community Care Program provides home and community based services to over 50,000 of Illinois' most frail elderly citizens who would otherwise be eligible for nursing home placement. Services provided through the CCP meet the needs of these older adults and allows them to remain in their own home and community – the environment they prefer. And as the 76 million baby boomers continue to age and become in need of in-home and community supports, the demand for homecare, and the expectation it will be available, continues to grow. CCP services provide a significant cost savings to the state, as these services cost a fraction of the expense of facility-based care. Reductions in funding for CCP services have already created an unprecedented back log in bills carried from one year to the next. If funding continues to fall short, these seniors will have only one option for service and that is facility placement. On average, facility-based care will more than double the amount the state will pay for their care.

Additionally, approximately 19,000 hardworking homecare aides provide services to the 50,000-plus CCP clients. Over the past several budget years, critical wage and benefit (including health care) increases have been secured for this workforce. Reductions in the CCP will lead to reductions in employment, wages earned and benefits received, leveling another blow to the economy and creating a step backward that threatens the viability of the current and future in-home care service delivery infrastructure.

Recognizing the role each of us play in securing and ensuring critical social services, the Association supports thoughtful and reasonable revenue enhancements for the state of Illinois.

IACCPHP is a member of AARP's Alliance for Home and Community Care, and as such we recognize the vital importance all senior services play in ensuring a healthy home and community-based infrastructure of services for seniors.

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