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Dear Colleague:

On September 14, 2018, Congressman Larson and I introduced the HSA Act (H.R. 6813), and we invite you to cosponsor this important legislation. Our bill will allow senior citizens and their families to use their own money saved in Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) to pay for homecare services.

Americans want to age with dignity, and for many seniors that means staying at their home as long as possible. While some families and loved ones are able to provide unpaid homecare for their aging relatives, this is not an option for everyone.

There are many benefits to paid homecare services, including proper nutrition, medication reminders, and transportation to doctor visits. It also allows respite care for family caregivers who tend to their loved ones, and it offers an assessment by outside experts to determine how much homecare is needed. Further, as the number of Americans over the age of 65 rapidly increases, homecare services will help reduce healthcare costs by decreasing the number of hospital visits needed and by delaying premature entry into assisted living facilities.

The case for homecare is clear, and our bill will make it a more accessible option for American families who have been able to put funds towards HSAs. Americans want, need, and deserve to age with dignity and respect.

Please join me in cosponsoring this bill. To cosponsor the HSA Act, please contact Casey Quinn at Casey.Quinn@mail.house.gov or Sylvia Lee at Sylvia.Lee@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

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