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PA Homecare Association Develops Voter Guide Focused on Home and Community Based Services, Direct Care Workforce

Lemoyne, Pa. (October 19, 2020) – The Pennsylvania Homecare Association (PHA) has developed a voter guide focused on the issues of the home-based care industry. PHA solicited feedback from all candidates for the presidential, congressional, and legislative state races. In total, PHA received more than 108 responses from candidates and has compiled their positions into an easy-to-read voter guide.

All candidates were posed questions related to expanding Medicare; expanding access to home and community-based services; ending institutional bias in the Medicaid program; and investing in the direct care workforce.

“While Pennsylvania is shaping up to be an epicenter for determining the presidential election, the seats at the congressional and state levels are equally, if not more, important to focus on going into November 3,” said PHA Government Affairs Director, Katie Dotto. “The purpose of this voter guide is to provide our members and the community with a resource to help in their decision-making process this election season. COVID-19 has presented unique challenges for institutionalized care, and our goal is to highlight the options available to keep our most vulnerable populations safe at home. Part of this includes supporting candidates who support home and community-based services.”

This year’s voter guide also addresses another critical topic facing the home-based care industry, as the direct care workforce continues to face low wages and high poverty rates. With an aging population and a seismic shift in preference to age in place, the demand for in-home caregivers continues to grow exponentially. In the guide, PHA highlights candidates’ position on investing in this vital workforce.

The 2020 voter guide is now available on PHA’s website. To access this resource visit <https://www.pahomecare.org/2020-voter-guide>.

All responses received are unedited and have been published as received.

About PHA... The Pennsylvania Homecare Association is a statewide membership organization of more than 700 homecare, home health and hospice providers. PHA members provide quality care and serve as advocates for their patients and clients on a variety of healthcare related issues. PHA and its members work to improve professional standards and ensure access to quality homecare throughout the Commonwealth. To learn more, visit www.pahomecare.org.

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