



February 21, 2022

The Honorable Debbie Dingell
U.S. House of Representatives
116 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Dingell,

The National PACE Association (NPA) commends your stalwart, visionary leadership on behalf of our nation's seniors embodied in the introduction of The PACE Plus Act of 2022. Representing 144 PACE organizations in 30 states, NPA strongly supports the vanguard policy changes contained in the Act, including grants for rural and underserved areas, pilots to expand access and streamlined federal administration. These changes will facilitate substantial increases in the number of communities and people benefitting from the innovative and effective PACE model of care. We wholeheartedly agree with you that expanding the reach of PACE is an important national strategy for meeting the ever-rising need for long term services and supports among older Americans and those living with disabilities in a home and community-based setting.

NPA sincerely thanks you and your staff, Timothy Huebner, for your continued efforts to put forward effective remedies to the challenges PACE organizations face in increasing their spread, scale and scope. As a result, The PACE Plus Act will rectify the most significant impediments facing the model of care by providing PACE organizations with additional tools and greatly needed actionable opportunities. If enacted, PACE programs will move quickly to extend their reach far beyond the more than 58,000 participants served today, including over 4,100 Michiganders.

NPA and our member programs, including 14 in Michigan, deeply appreciate you sponsoring transformational policy solutions to better enable Americans to age with dignity and the highest quality of life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shawn M. Bloom". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Shawn M. Bloom
President and CEO