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### **Professional Caregivers Praised by Home Care Association of America: Contributions Invaluable to Older Americans**

**Washington, D.C., (February 17, 2023)** – Today, the Home Care Association of America, representing its member home care organizations, expressed its gratitude and respect for the 2.4 million home care professionals who enable older Americans and individuals with disabilities to remain in their own home and communities—living as independently as possible.

“Professional caregivers are lifelines to people who want to remain in their own homes,” said HCAOA CEO Vicki Hoak. “The growing elderly population and the demand for in-home care is soaring at a time when the supply of caregivers is not there. While the number of caregivers has more than doubled over the past decade, jumping from just over 1 million in 2010 to more than 2.4 million today, this growth is still inadequate to meet the need of this population expected to double in the coming decade.”

As the trade association representing the home care industry comprised of nearly 26,000 home care organizations across the U.S., HCAOA is committed to elevating the profession of caregivers by continuing to increase training opportunities, developing career paths, encouraging immigration reform, and advocating for increased Medicaid reimbursements.”

While National Caregiver Day was established to express this country’s gratitude for this valuable profession, our actions of support and recognition must be demonstrated every day.

#### ***About Home Care Association of America (HCAOA)***

*Founded in 2002, the Home Care Association of America is the industry's leading trade association for home care providers and represents the industry's unified voice in Washington, DC and state governments across the country.*

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