## Alliance Advocates for Financial Relief for Family Caregivers

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The **National Alliance for Care at Home**, alongside more than 100 other organizations, has called on Congress to provide much-needed financial relief for family caregivers. Last month, these groups sent <u>a letter</u> urging lawmakers to reintroduce the bipartisan and bicameral **Credit for Caring Act**, which was first introduced during the 118th Congress (<u>S. 3702/H.R. 7165</u>). This critical legislation aims to establish a **federal tax credit** to help families offset the significant costs of caregiving.

## **Broad Public Support for Tax Relief**

The push for financial relief is backed by strong public support. A recent <u>AARP</u> <u>poll</u> revealed that an overwhelming **84% of voters** consider tax relief for caregivers a top priority for this administration. While Democratic voters expressed slightly stronger support, the issue remains highly bipartisan, reflecting a widespread acknowledgment of the financial burden many families face when caring for loved ones.

## **Expanding the Credit for All Caregivers**

Historically, the **Credit for Caring Act** has focused on **family caregivers** – those providing unpaid care to aging parents, spouses, or individuals with disabilities. However, the Alliance believes that future versions of the legislation must go further to include **those who pay out-of-pocket for professional home care services** by hiring a home care agency.

"New policies that provide relief to family caregivers – including both unpaid caregivers and those privately funding care services for their loved ones – are essential in offsetting caregiving expenses and ensuring better access to care at home," said Alliance CEO Dr. Steve Landers.

## **Looking Ahead**

The Alliance remains committed to advocating for policies that support families and improve access to home care. As new legislative developments arise, we will continue to monitor potential changes and keep our members informed on opportunities to engage in this crucial conversation.

For updates on this and other advocacy efforts, stay connected with the Alliance.