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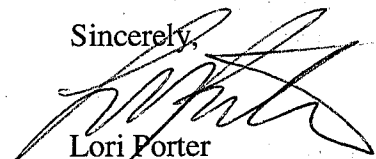Fax: (202) 226-2279

Dear Congressmen Larson and King:

On behalf of the National Association of Geriatric Nursing Assistants (NAGNA), I am writing to announce our support for the *"Nursing Home Fire Safety Act of 2005"*, legislation you will soon introduce.

NAGNA is a non-profit organization, dedicated to ensuring the highest quality of care is provided to our elders living in nursing homes. We do this by working to elevate the professional standing and performance of the caregivers. Today, NAGNA has a membership of more than 30,000 certified nursing assistances (CNAs) representing over 500 nursing homes in 29 states and the District of Columbia. These CNAs provide more than 90 percent of resident bedside care, providing for their needs and for their safety.

The *"Nursing Home Fire Safety Act of 2005"* is good sensible legislation that, once enacted, will ensure that residents in all nursing homes nationwide, and those of us who provide the bedside care, will have added protections against the potential threat of fire. Fire safety is a quality of care issue. Not only will the required installation of automatic fire sprinklers in all nursing homes dramatically increase the safety of residents and staff, but will enhance the quality of life inside a nursing home.

NAGNA fully supports and commends you for the leadership you are providing with the introduction of the *"Nursing Home Fire Safety Act of 2005."*

Sincerely,

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