"As a homecare worker, I'm excited about the opportunities the HCBS Access Act will create for our country. This bill will help bridge the gap so many working families, seniors and people with disabilities face in accessing care. It would also improve conditions for homecare workers who are passionate about helping others, but struggle with low wages, lack of benefits and other challenges in our jobs. Congress must act to support both the families who rely on care and the workers providing it." **– Erica Thompson, SEIU Healthcare Michigan member and homecare worker**

"No one should have to fight every budget season to stay in their own home. After H.R. 1's cuts triggered HCBS reductions in over 18 states, this bill is exactly the game-changer our care system needs. The HCBS Access Act finally puts home and community-based care on equal legal footing with institutions, ending the constant threat to the services aging and disabled people rely on most. It also gives states the funding to build real infrastructure, support that includes family caregivers, and permanently ends waiting lists, so no one is forced to wait years for care they need today." **– Nicole Jorwic, Chief Program Officer, Caring Across Generations**

"Waiting for home care costs families. Relying on institutions costs taxpayers," **said Erin Prangley, Policy Director, National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities**. "The HCBS Access Act is a commonsense solution that expands choice, strengthens communities, and makes Medicaid work smarter for the long term."

"Home and community-based services allow millions of people with disabilities and older adults to live independently and receive the care they need in their own homes and communities. The National Health Law Program thanks Senators Luján and Kaine for their leadership on the HCBS Access Act, which would make these services a mandatory Medicaid benefit, eliminate waiting lists, and invest in the direct care workforce to build a stronger, more stable network of care." **– Dania Douglas is a Senior Attorney in the National Health Law Program**

"Care work is the work that makes all other work possible. Our aging and disabled loved ones deserve to live and age with dignity in their own homes and should not have to wait years for the care they need. Likewise, no care worker who provides this essential, skilled care that millions of people in this country rely on should be forced to live on poverty wages. Investing in care and building the care economy we all need - within our families, homes, communities, and workforce - will support everyone. This legislation is an important step in aligning funding with what people really want– access to home and community-based care provided from a well paid and well trained workforce. For family caregivers, care workers and those who need care the HCBS Access Act would be a game changing piece of legislation." **– Ai-jen Poo, President of the National Domestic Workers Alliance**

"Justice in Aging proudly supports the HCBS Access Act. This transformative legislation would flip the script on access to the support older adults with limited income and resources need to age in their homes and communities. Today, far too many older adults cannot afford care, families are strained, and more people are institutionalized than

need to be. The HCBS Access Act would address many gaps and inequities in the current aging and disability care system by making home and community-based services a comprehensive and universally covered Medicaid benefit and by investing in the direct care workforce and infrastructure. This legislation would make enormous strides towards ensuring older adults can age in dignity and we are committed to working with Senators Lujan and Kaine to enact it." **– Justice in Aging**

"Behind every person waiting years for home and community-based services is a job someone couldn't afford to keep. Direct care workers make it possible for millions of Americans to live at home, yet they are underpaid, inadequately trained, and too often unrecognized for their work, and so the waiting lists grow. The HCBS Access Act recognizes what PHI has said for decades: quality care depends on quality jobs. We thank Senator Luján and the bill's sponsors for treating care as work worth investing in." **— Jodi M. Sturgeon, President & CEO, PHI**