

CAPITOL CONNECTION



SENIORS HOUSING
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2022 Senior Living Congressional Hero Award Recipient: Senator Susan Collins (R-ME)

The 2022 ASHA Congressional Hero Award was presented to Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) at ASHA's Executive Board Meeting on September 13th in Washington, DC. Senator Collins has been a champion for older Americans and the senior living industry throughout her 25-years of service in the U.S. Senate.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Senator Collins was instrumental in supporting the creation of the Provider Relief Fund (PRF) and securing relief for senior living providers. When remaining dollars were at risk of being repurposed, Senator Collins stood strong in opposition to ensure these funds were not diverted and remained in the PRF, available to assist health care providers recovering from the pandemic.

In Senator Collins' role as a senior member on the Senate Appropriations Committee, she has helped to secure billions of dollars in funding to advance research to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease.

Senator Collins served as Chair of the Senate Aging Committee from 2015 - 2021 and has a reputation for finding solutions to serious issues of the day and working across the aisle to get legislation passed and signed in to law.

Senator Susan Collins
(R-ME)



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2022 Chairman's Circle Event

Members who make a personal contribution of \$2,000 - \$5,000 to the Seniors Housing PAC in 2022 are eligible to attend the exclusive Chairman's Circle Event taking place November 2-3 in Sarasota, FL at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. A special thank you to Alan Plush and Colleen Blumenthal of HealthTrust for their very generous support and assistance with this year's Chairman's Circle event.

2021-2022 Seniors Housing PAC Contributions – House Members by Committee ///

House Ways and Means Committee

- Rep. Don Beyer (D-VA-08)
- Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR-03)
- Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-FL-16)
- Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-WA-01)
- Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D-CA-34)
- Rep. Brian Higgins (D-NY-26)
- Rep. Steven Horsford (D-NV-04)
- Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA-16)
- Rep. Dan Kildee (D-MI-05)
- Rep. David Kustoff (R-TN-08)
- Rep. Darin LaHood (R-IL-18)
- Rep. John Larson (D-CT-01)
- Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI-04)
- Rep. Carol Miller (R-WV-03)
- Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL-07)
- Rep. Richie Neal (D-MA-01)
- Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20)
- Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ-09)
- Rep. Tom Rice (R-SC-07)
- Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-CA-38)
- Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL-10)
- Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ-06)
- Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL-07)
- Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE-03)
- Rep. Jason Smith (R-MO-08)
- Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA-11)
- Rep. Tom Suozzi (D-NY-03)
- Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-05)
- Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN-02)
- Rep. Brad Wenstrup (R-OH-02)

House Financial Services Committee

- Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY-06)
- Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-OH-03)
- Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO-05)
- Rep. Madeleine Dean (D-PA-04)
- Rep. Tom Emmer (R-MN-06)
- Rep. Bill Foster (D-IL-11)
- Rep. Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH-16)
- Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ-05)
- Rep. French Hill (R-AR-02)
- Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT-04)
- Rep. Trey Hollingsworth (R-IN-09)
- Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI-02)
- Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO-03)
- Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY-12)
- Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-NC-10)
- Rep. Ed Perlmutter (D-CO-07)
- Rep. David Scott (D-GA-13)
- Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA-30)
- Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH-15)
- Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO-02)
- Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA-43)

House Leadership

- Rep. Katherine Clark (D-MA-05) Leadership - Assistant Speaker
- Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-SC-06) Leadership - Majority Whip
- Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-01) Leadership - Chair, Problem Solvers Caucus
- Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD-05) Leadership - Majority Leader
- Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA-23) Leadership - Minority Leader
- Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-12) Leadership - Speaker

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL-12)
- Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE-AL)
- Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA-01)
- Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN-02)
- Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX-02)
- Rep. John Curtis (R-UT-03)
- Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI-12)
- Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA-18)
- Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX-07)
- Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY-02)
- Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC-08)
- Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL-02)
- Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL-16)
- Rep. Ann Kuster (D-NH-02)
- Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA-06)
- Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA-05)
- Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK-02)
- Rep. Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ-01)
- Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ-06)
- Rep. Kathleen Rice (D-NY-04)
- Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-36)
- Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-OR-05)
- Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA-08)
- Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY-20)
- Rep. Lori Trahan (D-MA-03)
- Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI-06)

Other House Committees

• Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE-02)	Agriculture
• Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA-07)	Foreign Affairs; Science
• Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-GA-02)	Appropriations
• Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-01)	Ed/Labor
• Rep. Mike Bost (R-IL-12)	Veterans Affairs
• Rep. Anthony Brown (D-MD-04)	Transportation
• Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26)	Veterans Affairs
• Rep. Matt Cartwright (D-PA-08)	Appropriations
• Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-TX-20)	Ed/Labor
• Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI-01)	Judiciary
• Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK-04)	Appropriations
• Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA-11)	Oversight, Foreign Affairs
• Rep. Lou Correa (D-CA-46)	Judiciary
• Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC-05)	Ed/Labor
• Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10)	Appropriations
• Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA-06)	Small Business
• Rep. John Katko (R-NY-24)	Transportation
• Rep. Andy Levin (D-MI-09)	Ed/Labor
• Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA-49)	Veterans Affairs
• Rep. Lucy McBath (D-GA-06)	Ed/Labor; Judiciary
• Rep. Frank Mrvan (D-IN-01)	Veterans Affairs; Ed/Labor
• Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-02)	Judiciary

House Campaign Committees

- Blue Dog PAC Moderate House Democrats
- DCCC House Democrat Campaign Committee
- NewDems Moderate House Democrats
- NRCC House Republican Campaign Committee
- Tuesday Group/Republican Governance Group Moderate House Republicans

2021-2022 Seniors Housing PAC Contributions – Senate Members by Committee ///

Senate Special Committee on Aging

- Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)
- Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)
- Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME)
- Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ)
- Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)
- Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC)
- Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA)

Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

- Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
- Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)
- Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID)
- Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)
- Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD)
- Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE)
- Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC)
- Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)
- Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)
- Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT)
- Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)
- Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA)
- Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA)

Senate Committee on Finance

- Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO)
- Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
- Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE)
- Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)
- Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)
- Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)
- Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)
- Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID)
- Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT)
- Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)
- Sen. Maggie Hassan (D-NH)
- Sen. James Lankford (R-OK)
- Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)
- Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE)
- Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC)
- Sen. John Thune (R-SD)
- Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA)
- Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)
- Sen. Todd Young (R-IN)

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP)

- Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)
- Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)
- Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME)
- Sen. Maggie Hassan (D-NH)
- Sen. John Hickenlooper (D-CO)
- Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA)
- Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)
- Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
- Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
- Sen. Mitt Romney (R-UT)
- Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC)
- Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)
- Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL)

Senate Leadership

- Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) Leadership – Republican Conference Chair
- Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) Leadership – Majority Whip
- Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) Leadership – Minority Leader
- Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) Leadership – Assistant Leader
- Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) Leadership – Majority Leader
- Sen. John Thune (R-SD) Leadership – Minority Whip

Other Senate Committees

- Sen. John Boozman (R-AR) Appropriations
- Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) Appropriations; Commerce
- Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE) Appropriations; Judiciary
- Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) Commerce; Small Business
- Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA) Judiciary; Small Business
- Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE) Commerce
- Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI) Judiciary; Small Business
- Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND) Appropriations
- Sen. Angus King (I-ME) Energy
- Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) Appropriations; Judiciary
- Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) Appropriations
- Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA) Judiciary; Budget
- Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI) Appropriations; Commerce
- Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS) Appropriations
- Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS) Commerce

Senate Campaign Committees

- DSCC** Senate Democrat Campaign Committee
- Moderate Democrats PAC** Moderate Senate Democrats
- NRSC** Senate Republican Campaign Committee

Invite your Member of Congress to Visit your Communities During October Recess

Congressional Recess is the best time to invite your Member of Congress to your communities to show off the innovative programs you offer your residents and the value you bring to seniors and your staff. The U.S. House of Representatives will be available in their state/district the month of October for a Congressional Recess leading up to the November mid-term elections.

As ASHA advocates for immigration reform to help with the senior living workforce, this is a perfect opportunity for you to discuss the need for such action by Congress and to stress that this is an issue they need to work on now. ASHA can help put you in contact with your Representatives' offices. Contact Sheff Richey at sheff@ashaliving.org for assistance with setting up a Congressional visit.

SH PAC Disbursements 2021-2022*

The Seniors Housing PAC has disbursed \$845,000 so far for the 2021-2022 election cycle, supporting 55 U.S. Senators and 114 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. ASHA's Public Policy Committee serves as the steering committee for the Seniors Housing Political Action Committee. Disbursements to the campaigns of Federal candidates are made according to a broad strategy that includes supporting those who are knowledgeable, supportive, and key to the advancement of public policy that impacts the seniors housing industry.

**As of August 31, 2022*

Legislative Spotlight:

"Expanding Veterans' Options for Long Term Care Act" Gains Co-Sponsors in the Senate and Companion Bill Introduced in House

Originally introduced in the Senate on May 10th, the Expanding Veterans' Options for Long Term Care Act (S. 4169) would create a three-year pilot program to give veterans who are currently residing in nursing homes and other eligible veterans, the option to transfer into a Medicaid certified assisted living community.

ASHA has been working to advance this important bipartisan legislation introduced by Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) that now has four co-sponsors in the Senate: Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS), Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), and Senator Angus King (I-ME) and interest is growing steadily.

Representative Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-08) introduced the House version of the bill (H.R. 8750) on August 26th with the support of Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK-05), Representative Bryan Steil (R-WI-01), and Representative David Trone (D-MD-06).

ASHA has implemented grassroots efforts to generate letters of support from ASHA members to Congressional offices. ASHA will continue to work to secure co-sponsors in the House and Senate to advance this important legislation that would expand veterans' access to assisted living services.

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