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The Board of AMEPA, thanks the team at AAHomecare for putting on another fantastic conference. We are pleased that so many providers outside of Round One and Round Two took the time to travel to Washington and participate.

It is imperative that HME providers continue to come to Washington to or engage legislators or in their district offices about our issues. Patrick Dorton of Rational 360, AAH's Public Relations Firm, summed up his presentation by explaining that for those who serve Medicare beneficiaries "The federal government is our largest customers".

AMEPA has understood this, that is why we spearheaded efforts last month to rally providers nation wide. Working with CAMPS in California and IAMES in Illinois to bring HME constituents to their representatives' district offices. The energy generated by those efforts continues in Washington DC, where AMEPA and state association representatives met with Congresspeople and their staffs regarding HR 3790 and other industry issues.

It was a great success. We met with over 30 congressional offices in 2 days, and garnered new support of our efforts.

AMEPA members from Florida, led by FAHCS President Roger Ribas and Board member Tim Bates attended an early morning meeting with Congresswoman Suzzane Kosmas (D-Orlando, FL). Bates is a constituent of Kosmas and after telling his story, as an Orlando bid winner who's business would not survive the program, Congresswoman Kosmas signed on to HR-3790.

