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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

For Wednesday, March 3rd

Rep. Shuler to Speak to American Association for Home Care

Washington, D.C. – On Wednesday, March 3rd, U.S. Representative Heath Shuler (D-Waynesville) will speak to the American Association for Homecare (AA Homecare) legislative conference taking place in Washington, DC. For the past several years, Rep. Shuler has been an advocate for durable medical equipment suppliers and those who work to improve the care of millions of Americans who require medical care in their homes. The supplies distributed by the durable medical equipment industry ensure that thousands of seniors throughout North Carolina and the country are able to continue living in their homes instead of residential healthcare facilities away from their families. From authoring a letter to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to chairing hearings in his Subcommittee on Rural Development, Entrepreneurship and Trade, Rep. Shuler has been actively involved in addressing the problems with the CMS competitive bidding process for Durable Medical Equipment that affect small suppliers which would result in patients not receiving the access to high quality care that they deserve.

What: Speech to AA Homecare Washington Legislative Conference

Who: U.S. Rep. Heath Shuler, several hundred home medical equipment and service providers from across the U.S.

When: 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 3rd

Where: Capital Hilton, 1001 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036

Background (from AA Homecare):

AA Homecare represents healthcare providers, equipment manufacturers, and other organizations in the homecare community. AA Homecare members serve the medical needs of millions of Americans who require oxygen equipment and therapy, mobility assistive technologies, medical supplies, inhalation drug therapy, home infusion, and other home medical equipment, therapies, services, and supplies in the home.