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## **Special Alert Bulletin!**

## Help Reinforce the MAC's Message at #NCLC2016

Last week, a large contingent of doctors from the MAC, including key members of leadership, attended the ACA's annual National Chiropractic Leadership Conference (NCLC), the profession's premier grassroots political event and a unique opportunity to gather and help set the direction for the future of chiropractic in America.

The group met with several luminaries, including Rep. Tim Walberg (R-Tipton) (pictured, receiving the MAC "Congressional Chiropractic Advocate Award") and Senator Gary Peters, and staff for every member of the Michigan Congressional delegation, informing them about the issues that matter most to the profession.

In order to maximize our advocacy efforts at the NCLC, we are asking you to participate in an online grassroots campaign reinforcing our message. Contact your federally elected legislators (Michigan's two U.S. Senators and your individual U.S. Representative) and make them and their staffs better aware of our key legislative issues. We laid the groundwork by discussing these issues with them last Thursday during the NCLC 2016 Lobby Day, and now we need

H.R. 1170 and S. 398, the Chiropractic Care for All Veterans Act. These bills would require the VA to have a doctor of chiropractic on staff at all
major VA medical facilities by 2017.

H.Ř. 542, the National Health Service Corps Improvement Act. This bill would include chiropractors in the National Health Service Corps (NHSC)
loan repayment program, one the largest federal loan relief programs.

H.R. 802, the Chiropractic Health Parity for Military Beneficiaries Act. This bill would require the Secretary of Defense to develop a plan to allow
any beneficiary covered under TRICARE to select and have direct access to a chiropractor. Currently, only active duty members are afforded the
chiropractic benefit.

 H.R. 3851, the Chiropractic Membership in the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Act of 2015. The bill would include chiropractors in the Corps and require the President to appoint doctors of chiropractic to the Commissioned Corps.

We need you to contact Senators Stabenow and Peters, as well as your U.S. Representative, and ask them to co-sponsor these important bills. "Take Action" <u>HERE</u> and your email could be the one that convinces one of our senators or representatives to co-sponsor one or more of these bills. The more co-sponsors a bill has, the more likely it is to pass!

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