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## **STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT and CEO STEVE BAHMER ON THE POSTPONEMENT, WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL 88**

At today's meeting of the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC), Commissioner Brecht Heuchan asked that Proposal 88 be **temporarily postponed**. Further, Comm. Heuchan said that he **will withdraw the proposal**. Proposal 88 would have amended the Florida Constitution to include a nursing home and assisted living facility (ALF) residents' bill of rights.

As we've said from the beginning, the proposal would have done nothing to improve the lives of nursing home and ALF residents. Instead, it would only have served to benefit trial attorneys and divert already scarce resources that should be spent on the care of frail seniors. We are grateful to our members for speaking out during this process, expressing their deep and ongoing commitment to providing the highest quality of care to their residents.

We are pleased that Proposal 88 will be withdrawn, so that nursing homes and ALFs can continue their good work, focusing financial resources on maintaining the high-quality services they already are providing. The importance of dollars being spent on quality care for residents is reflected in the recently released statement by the state Agency for Health Care Administration, which highlights the high quality of care provided by Florida's nursing homes.

LeadingAge Florida members remain committed to our state's frailest seniors and will continue to serve them that the highest level possible.

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