NAATS Congressional Affairs

Memo

To: Kate Breen, NAATS President

From: Wally Pike, Congressional Affairs

CC: file

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Re: Update

Thanks to some great work by our New England and Eastern members, the House amendment is now titled Sanders-Hostettler-Herseth-LoBiondo-DeLauro-Shays. We are still trying to recruit as many Republicans as possible to co-sponsor. Failing that we are seeking commitments that they will vote in favor of the amendment. The timing has moved up and we could see a vote sometime tomorrow. As I learn more I will pass it along to you.

Thanks also to Jennifer Zamora for her PR work with PASS.

Please note that this amendment and the possible one in the Senate do not replace H.R. 1474 or S. 776. These amendments are versions of the bills and are more timely ways to address the immediate concerns. If successful the amendments will provide time for the hearings, reports and studies to ensure passage of the language contained in the bills.

I will provide more details as they develop.