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**CA PRESIDENT APPLAUDES CONGRESS FOR APPROPRIATING  
\$75 MILLION IN 2009 FOR STATE HIGH RISK POOLS**

FERGUS FALLS, MN – “On behalf of the more than 200,000 Americans who now receive health insurance from state high risk health insurance pools and the many others who could take advantage of these pools, I want to applaud the House and Senate for including funding for state high risk pools in the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act that just passed the Congress,” said Wayne Nelson, President of Communicating for America (CA).

The new law includes \$75 million in grants, an addition of \$26 million over FY 2008, to help states that offer health insurance options to hard-to-insure populations as authorized by the State High Risk Pool Extension Act of 2006.

“CA has actively supported high risk pools since the creation of the Minnesota pool by the state legislature in 1976,” said Nelson. “Since that time 33 other states have joined Minnesota in creating high risk pools that now offer health insurance to Americans who otherwise might not be able to obtain coverage.”

Communicating for America is a 38-year-old national non-profit organization headquartered in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, that represents small business and agriculture members throughout the United States. For more information on CA, visit the website at [www.cabenefits.org](http://www.cabenefits.org).

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