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It's closer to 3.5X

From: Hank Page [mailto:HankPage@scstatehouse.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2013 11:24 AM
To: Kester, Tony
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Tony,

The LG asked me to check with you on the highlighted portion of his editorial below to make sure this figure was still accurate.

As the chief advocate for seniors and vulnerable adults in our state, I was deeply troubled and saddened that services for a federally-funded program designed to keep veterans in their homes instead of nursing homes is being terminated because of lack of support by the Veterans' Administration.

A program that is both cost effective (**on average three times less expensive**) and will allow our elderly, disabled, or injured heroes the opportunity to live in familiar surroundings with their loved ones has not been given the priority it deserves.

The South Carolina Office on Aging was asked by the VA to begin this as a pilot program. A database system was created, as required, and several veterans were selected to enter the program in March 2011.

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Thanks,

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