

October 31, 2017

The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Minority Leader Pelosi:

The undersigned organizations are writing to you to express our support for S. 870, the “Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act.” We were proud to have been part of the Senate Finance Committee Chronic Care Working Group’s efforts to develop this legislation, and we look forward to working with the House of Representatives to advance the bill.

S. 870 represents an important step forward in ensuring that the two-thirds of Medicare beneficiaries who have multiple chronic conditions are able to receive the quality care they need to live a healthy life. Currently, the treatment of chronic illness accounts for almost 93 percent of Medicare spending. The CHRONIC Care Act would lower costs by improving disease management, streamlining care coordination services, and expanding access to innovative models of care. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) found that the bill would reduce direct spending for Medicare and Medicaid by \$217 million from 2018-2022.

S. 870 passed the Senate under a unanimous consent agreement. Additionally, the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee have passed parts of the legislation as separate bills. We urge the full House to quickly consider and pass the provisions of the CHRONIC Care Act so that beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions can get the care that they need to manage their health.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,  
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
Aces Health  
Adventist Health System  
Aetna  
Alliance for Aging Research  
Alliance for Home Dialysis  
Allscripts  
Almost Family, Inc.  
Alzheimer's Association  
Alzheimer's Foundation of America  
Alzheimer's Impact Movement  
American Academy of Family Physicians

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine  
American Academy of Neurology  
American College of Physicians  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Kidney Fund  
American Nurses Association  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Telemedicine Association  
America's Health Insurance Plans  
Anthem  
Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc.  
Ascension  
Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness  
Association for Community Affiliated Plans  
Better Medicare Alliance  
BioReference Laboratories  
Blue Cross Blue Shield Association  
Cardinal Health  
Change Healthcare  
Cleveland Clinic  
Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC)  
Commonwealth Care Alliance  
Community Catalyst  
Connected Health Initiative  
Dialysis Patient Citizens  
Direct Primary Care Coalition  
Dogtown Media  
ElevatingHOME  
Endocrine Society  
Gross Electric  
Gundersen Health System  
Hahnemann University Hospital  
Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)  
Healthcare Leadership Council  
Healthcare Nutrition Council  
Leidos  
LifeWire  
Marshfield Clinic Health System  
Maxim Healthcare Services  
Mayo Clinic  
Meals on Wheels America  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Association for the Support of Long Term Care  
National Black Nurses Association  
National Coalition on Health Care

National Committee for Quality Assurance  
National Consumers League  
National Hispanic Medical Association  
National Kidney Foundation  
National Partnership for Hospice Innovation  
National Renal Administrators Association  
New Jersey State Nurses Association  
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital  
Novartis  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Pacific Business Group on Health  
Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative  
Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease  
Partners in Care Foundation  
Personal Connected Health Alliance  
Premier  
Public Sector HealthCare Roundtable  
Renal Physicians Association  
SCAN Health Plan  
Startup Health  
Teachers' Retirement System of Kentucky  
Texas Health Resources  
Tivity Health  
UnityPoint Health  
Vizient, Inc.

cc: All Members of the House of Representatives  
cc: House Energy and Commerce Committee  
cc: House Ways and Means Committee