

May 9, 2017

The Honorable Chris Collins
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20541

The Honorable Patrick Meehan
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The Honorable Trent Kelly
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The Honorable Ron Kind
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The Honorable Patrick Tiberi
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Stephanie Hannon
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Greg Harter
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20541

Dear Representatives Collins, Kelly, Tiberi, Harter, Meehan, Kind, and
Stephanie Hannon,

Thank you for introducing the bipartisan Home Health Care Planning
Reform Act of 2017 (H.R. 1122). We, the undersigned groups, pledge our
continued support of your efforts to obtain passage of this important legislation
in the 115th Congress. As you know, the bill authorizes nurse practitioners, clinical
nurse specialists, certified nurse aides, and physical assistants as eligible
health care professionals to obtain certification for home health care
services under Medicare. This critical change would improve access to important
home health care services, and potentially prevent additional hospital, subacute
care facility and nursing home admissions—all of which are costly to the
consumer, the taxpayer and Medicare.

The undersigned organizations remain committed to ensuring that consumers
have access to health care providers who are qualified, educated, and certified to
provide high quality primary care, chronic care management, and other services
that enable them to live a high quality life, with dignity, in locations of their choice.

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'', The Honorable Paul Ryan