



May 21, 2024

Majority Leader Schumer
 United States Senate
 Hart Senate Office Building, SH- 322
 Washington, DC 20510

Minority Leader McConnell
 United States Senate
 Russell Senate Office Building, SR-317
 Washington, DC 20510

Speaker of the House Johnson
 United States House of Representatives
 Cannon House Office Building, CHOB-568
 Washington, DC 20515

Minority Leader Hakeem Jefferies
 United States House of Representatives
 Rayburn House Office Building, RHOB-2433
 Washington, DC 20515

RE: Partnership to Protect Coverage

Dear Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Leader Jefferies, Speaker Johnson:

The undersigned 39 organizations represent millions of patients and consumers who face serious, acute, and chronic health conditions. Together, our 46 [organizations](#) offer unique perspectives on what

individuals and families need to prevent disease, cure illness, and manage their health. The diversity of our organizations and the populations we serve enable us to draw upon extensive knowledge and expertise that can be an invaluable resource as Congress considers any legislation that would reform our healthcare system.

In March of 2017, our organizations agreed upon three overarching principles¹ to guide any work to reform and improve the nation's healthcare system. These principles state that: (1) health care should be accessible, meaning that coverage should be easy to understand and not pose a barrier to care; (2) health care should be affordable, enabling patients to access the treatments they need to live healthy and productive lives; and (3) health care must be adequate, meaning healthcare coverage should cover treatments patients need.

In 2020, our organizations published a patient-focused agenda² that provided recommendations for policymakers across the federal government to drive positive change for our patients. As Congress explores opportunities to expand equitable access to high-quality, affordable healthcare coverage this year, our organizations would welcome the opportunity to share our perspectives and priorities regarding issues including but not limited to the following:

- Improving and Expanding Access to High-Quality, Affordable Insurance Coverage
- Reducing the Burden of Medical Debt on Patients
- Protecting Patients by Limiting Junk Insurance

To this end, we respectfully request a meeting with your office to discuss these and other issues impacting the patient and consumer community. A member of our coalition will contact your office in the near future to request an appointment.

Sincerely,

ALS Association	Epilepsy Foundation	National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP)
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network	Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research	National Multiple Sclerosis Society
American Diabetes Association	Hemophilia Federation of America	National Organization for Rare Disorders
American Heart Association	Immune Deficiency Foundation	National Patient Advocate Foundation
American Kidney Fund	Lupus Foundation of America	National Psoriasis Foundation
American Liver Foundation	Lutheran Services in America	Pulmonary Hypertension Association
American Lung Association	March of Dimes	Susan G. Komen
Arthritis Foundation	Muscular Dystrophy Association	The AIDS Institute
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America	National Alliance on Mental Illness	The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Cancer Support Community	National Bleeding Disorders Foundation	Volunteers of America
CancerCare	National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship	
Child Neurology Foundation	National Eczema Association	
Chronic Disease Coalition	National Health Council	
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation	National Kidney Foundation	
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation		

¹ <https://www.protectcoverage.org/ppc-consensus-healthcare-reform-principles>

² <https://www.ils.org/sites/default/files/National/USA/Pdf/Publications/100-Days-Agenda-Final.pdf>