

February 3, 2015

The Honorable Brian Schatz
United States Senate
722 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Roger F. Wicker
United States Senate
555 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
United States Senate
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ben Cardin
United States Senate
509 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Thune
United States Senate
624 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mark Warner
United States Senate
475 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Schatz, Wicker, Cochran, Cardin, Thune and Warner:

I write on behalf of ACT | The App Association and the more than 5,000 mobile app and software companies we represent in support of the Creating Opportunities Now for Necessary and Effective Care Technologies (CONNECT) for Health Act.

As the world has quickly embraced mobile technology, our member companies have been creating innovative solutions across modalities and segments of the economy, with no stronger an example than healthcare. We want to thank you for introducing this important piece of legislation and your continued efforts to seek input from stakeholders like ACT | The App Association. ACT | The App Association supports the CONNECT for Health Act and encourages all members to vote for passage.

The integration of remote monitoring of patient (RPM)-generated health data (PGHD) has been – and continues to be – proven as an integral aspect of any healthcare system. The demonstrated benefits of telehealth and RPM solutions include improved care, reduced hospitalizations, avoidance of complications and improved satisfaction, particularly for the chronically ill.

The CONNECT for Health Act is a careful and balanced approach that would lift Medicare's arduous limitations on the use of telehealth, enable the use of RPM technology for patients with chronic conditions, safeguard that new payment models will incorporate connected health technologies, ensures that these advanced solutions are a part of the Medicare Advantage

program, and addresses discrete issues associated with the treatment of Americans who suffer strokes and who require dialysis treatment.

The CONNECT for Health Act is a crucial step towards bringing the American healthcare system into the 21st century, and we look forward to working with you to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morgan Reed". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light gray rectangular background.

Morgan Reed
Executive Director
ACT | The App Association