

May 22, 2017

The Honorable Diane Black
U.S. House of Representatives
1131 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Gregg Harper
U.S. House of Representatives
307 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Peter Welch
U.S. House of Representatives
2303 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Thompson
U.S. House of Representatives
231 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressmen Black, Harper, Welch and Thompson:

I write on behalf of ACT | The App Association's Connected Health Initiative to applaud your reintroduction of the Creating Opportunities Now for Necessary and Effective Care Technologies (CONNECT) for Health Act. CHI is the leading effort by connected health ecosystem stakeholders to bring about the use of connected health innovations throughout the continuum of care in a responsible and secure manner in order to create an environment in which patients and consumers experience improved health outcomes.¹

As the world has quickly embraced mobile technology, CHI members have been creating innovative solutions across modalities and segments of the economy, with no stronger an example than healthcare. We thank you for introducing this important piece of legislation and your continued efforts to seek input from stakeholders like the CHI.

¹ See <http://connectedhi.com/>.

The CHI supports the CONNECT for Health Act and encourages all members to vote for its 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, ensure 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 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 with a large, prominent 'M' and 'R'.

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