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Members of the 111th Congress
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

The National Health Council (NHC), an organization providing a united voice for the more than 133 million people with chronic diseases and disabilities and their family caregivers, strongly supports the efforts of the Congress to enact meaningful health care reform that will benefit the patient community.

The NHC strongly urges you to pass legislation to accomplish this long-sought goal. It is crucial both to help those most in need due to chronic conditions and disabilities and to stabilize the health and economic underpinnings of our nation.

Much of the discussion around health care reform now focuses on the Congressional process for passing legislation. People living with chronic conditions and their family caregivers may not appreciate the nuts and bolts of passing legislation. They do understand the gravity of their own personal situation. The everyday realities for the people the NHC represents continue to be filled with health challenges and financial uncertainty as they struggle to maintain their health, independence, and well-being. They are looking to Congress and the Administration to transcend partisan differences and provide meaningful health care reform for all Americans – particularly for those most in need.

The NHC deeply appreciates the months of hard work Congress has already invested in health care reform, and we have worked closely with many Members to ensure that the interests of the patient and caregiver community are addressed in the legislation that emerges.

The prospect of achieving meaningful health care reform has never been closer. The NHC strongly urges you to move ahead in a manner that ensures that the health care needs of all Americans are met. We look forward to continuing to serve as a partner and resource in that effort.

Sincerely,

Myrl Weinberg, CAE
President