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The Honorable Phil Roe, MD
United States House of Representatives
102 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Lou Correa
United States House of Representatives
1039 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Roe and Correa:

The undersigned members of the Health Coalition on Liability and Access and other concerned stakeholders enthusiastically support H.R. 7059, the Coronavirus Provider Protection Act, and applaud you for your commitment to protecting healthcare professionals, and the facilities in which they practice, from the serious threat of COVID-19-related liability lawsuits.

The limited and targeted protection from liability provided by H.R. 7059 will help ensure that healthcare professionals and facilities on the front lines of the coronavirus pandemic can focus on helping patients without the fear of getting drawn into unwarranted lawsuits. While protecting those providing care in good faith, your legislation appropriately excludes liability protections in situations of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

We also appreciate that H.R. 7059 is a comprehensive, federal solution to a national crisis that cannot be solved by any one state. Passage of this bipartisan bill will reduce lawsuits that stem from the workforce shortages, inadequate safety supplies, and changing guidance from federal, state, and local government officials to which our healthcare providers and facilities have been subject since the pandemic began.

Until the Coronavirus Provider Protection Act is passed, the very healthcare providers that have been celebrated as our nation's heroes remain vulnerable to the threat of unwarranted liability lawsuits. Please know that we will further support your efforts through Protect Patients Now, our nationwide grassroots advocacy network of healthcare providers and patients who will urge their own members of Congress to take action by signing on as a cosponsor.

Thank you again for your leadership in support of healthcare professionals and facilities, and the patients they serve.

Sincerely,

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American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons
American Association of Neurological Surgeons

American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
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American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Surgeons
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