



July 31, 2019

The Honorable Mark Warner  
United States Senate  
703 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Letter of Support from 29 Patient and Consumer Advocacy Organizations for S.J. Res 52

Dear Senator Warner:

Our 29 organizations, representing the interests of the millions of patients and consumers who live with serious, acute, and chronic conditions, have worked together for many months to ensure that patient voices are reflected in the ongoing Congressional debate regarding the accessibility of health coverage for all Americans and families. Today we write in strong support of your efforts to protect people with pre-existing conditions who receive coverage in the individual marketplace by following up on the recent U.S. Governmental Accountability Office ruling and introducing legislation invoking the Congressional Review Act and repealing the 1332 State Relief and Empowerment Waivers Guidance that

was released on October 22, 2018<sup>1</sup> (1332 guidance). We are concerned about the impact that this guidance could have on the people we represent and applaud your introduction of this bill.

In March 2017, we identified three overarching principles to guide and measure any work to further reform and improve the nation's health insurance system. Our core principles are that health insurance coverage must be adequate, affordable, and accessible.<sup>2</sup> Together, our organizations understand what individuals and families need to prevent disease, manage health, and cure illness. Our organizations are concerned about how the 1332 guidance will affect the individual marketplace's stability in states that choose to pursue policies that und

Again, thank you for your leadership on this critical issue for people with pre-existing conditions. We support your efforts to repeal the 1332 guidance and promote stability in the individual marketplace, and urge members of the marketplace,