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The Honorable Lou Correa
United States House of Representatives
1039 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Michael Burgess, MD
United States House of Representatives
2161 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Correa and Burgess:

The undersigned members of the Health Coalition on Liability and Access enthusiastically support the *Coronavirus Provider Protection Act* (H.R. 3021) 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. 3021 will help ensure that healthcare professionals and facilities who have served on the front lines of the coronavirus pandemic are not drawn into unwarranted lawsuits resulting from the selfless care they have provided. This legislation is a comprehensive, federal solution to a national crisis that cannot be solved by state legislation alone, as demonstrated by the varied efforts undertaken by state legislatures. The patchwork nature of state protections, in addition to efforts to repeal them where previously enacted, reveal that federal action is still needed.

Passage of this bipartisan bill will reduce lawsuits that could result from the health care workforce shortages, inadequate safety supplies, and changing guidance from federal, state, and local government officials that were typical in the early stages of the pandemic. At the same time, it would maintain necessary mechanisms to help patients harmed by substandard care. Your legislation will truly benefit both patients and clinicians alike.

Until the *Coronavirus Provider Protection Act* is passed, the very healthcare providers and facilities that have been celebrated as our nation's heroes remain vulnerable to the threat of unwarranted liability lawsuits. We are committed to working with you to ensure that this threat is avoided so the highest level of care may continue to be provided to those both directly and indirectly affected by the pandemic.

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

Sincerely,

American Academy of Dermatology Association
American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Surgeons
American Health Care Association
American Medical Association
American Osteopathic Association
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Plastic Surgeons
American Tort Reform Association
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NORCAL Insurance Company
Physicians Insurance A Mutual Company
ProAssurance
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Texas Alliance for Patient Access
Texas Medical Liability Trust