



September 8, 2021

The Honorable G.K. Butterfield  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2080 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Joyce, M.D.  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1221 Longworth House Office  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Butterfield and Joyce:

We are writing to thank you for your leadership in introducing H.R. 4554, the *Care That's Fair Act of 2021*, which seeks to empower states to utilize medical claims, clinical, and social data to address racial disparities, social determinants of health, and maternal and infant mortality.

Aligning for Health is an advocacy organization that brings together a broad coalition of members focused on improving health and wellbeing through interventions related to better aligning health and social needs. As a coalition, we work to develop and promote actionable policies that create opportunities - and remove challenges - for states and local governments, health care organizations, and non-health care organizations to work together to develop cross-sector, coordinated solutions to address both health and social needs.

The *Care That's Fair Act* will provide states with the necessary resources to effectively measure Medicaid health care outcomes to better address critical health care needs for beneficiaries. As maternal mortality rates rise higher than most developed countries and disproportionately impact minority populations, our obesity rates continue to grow, and the proportion of Americans reporting fair or poor health continues to expand, this legislation comes at an important time.

We agree that empowering states to harness essential Medicaid claims and clinical data will help identify where social determinants and health disparities exist, which can then be leveraged into action to address these disparities at their root cause.

Thank you again for your leadership. Please do not hesitate to reach out if Aligning for Health can be a resource to you. You can contact me at [mquick@aligningforhealth.org](mailto:mquick@aligningforhealth.org) with any questions. We look forward to working with you to advance this important bipartisan legislation.

Sincerely,

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