

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

February 10, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

As Congress considers the issue of surprise medical billing, we urge you to reject proposals that offer government-dictated price controls as a solution to the problem. Specifically, surprise medical billing proposals that give the federal government the power to set rates between two private entities – insurers and health care providers – could have a devastating impact on our constituents. We have heard from countless patients and organizations about the potential harmful impacts of such rate-setting proposals, and urge you to reject them, particularly in advance of the May 22, 2020 deadline to address expiring health provisions.

To be clear, we believe that patients should be protected from surprise medical bills, which can place a heavy financial burden on individuals that received care outside of their insurance network. In pursuing such protections, there exist several proposals that hold patients harmless, increase transparency, and resolve disputes that arise from surprise bills.

That said, we oppose price controls as a solution to the issue of surprise medical billing. By design, placing such price controls on purely private transactions would reduce access to care, increase the power of the federal government, and result in negative unintended consequences.

Congress should act on surprise medical billing, but it should avoid top-down price controls that would simply be trading one problem for another.

Sincerely,



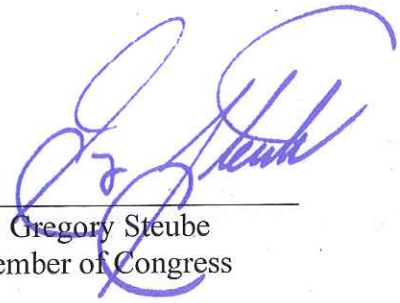
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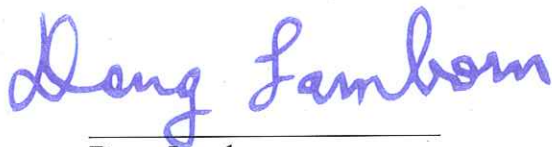
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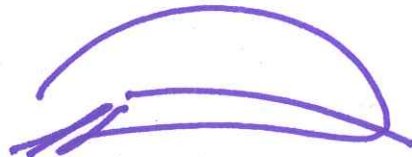
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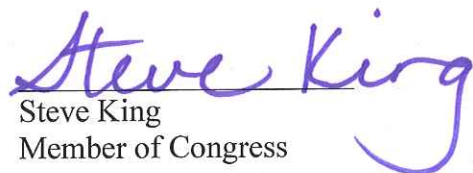
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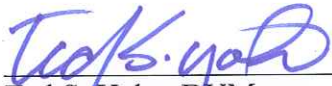
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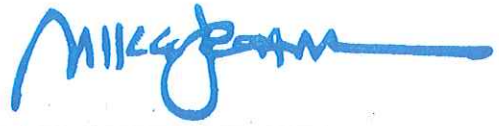
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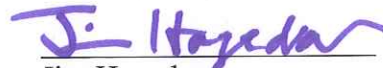
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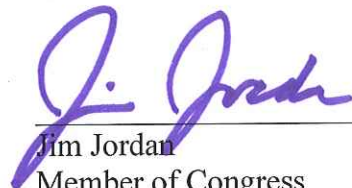
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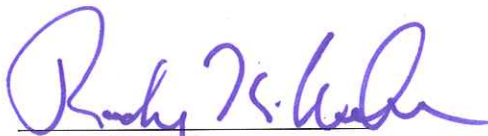
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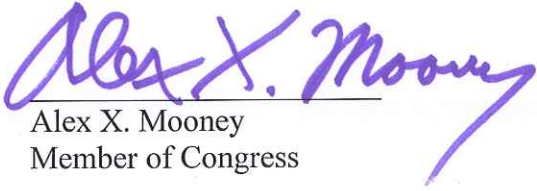
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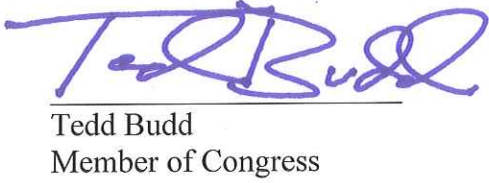
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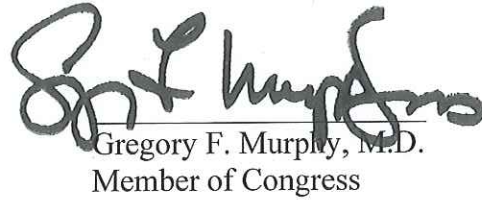


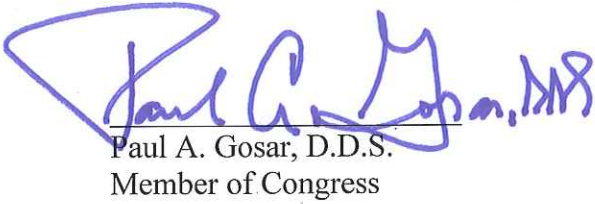
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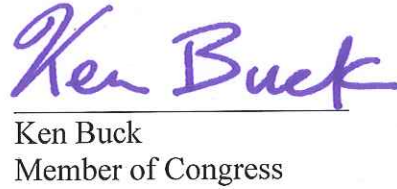
  
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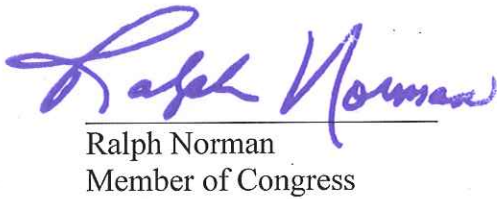
  
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CC: The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Republican Leader