

May 15, 2019

The Honorable Lisa Blunt Rochester
U.S. House of Representatives
1519 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Blunt Rochester:

The 23 undersigned organizations, representing millions of American patients and consumers, write today in strong support of a provision included in H.R. 987 that would require the Department of Health and Human Services to resume activities related to outreach and educational activities for open enrollment.

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.¹ Together, our organizations understand what individuals and families need to prevent disease, manage health, and cure illness. Our organizations are deeply concerned

about the lack of investment in promoting open enrollment as well as the Administration's efforts to expand and promote short-term plans and other substandard coverage. Therefore, we are pleased that this legislation would require the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct outreach and educational activities so

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National Psoriasis Foundation
Susan G. Komen
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