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The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Chairman
Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor
and Pensions
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray:

Thank you, and your committee, for taking on many of the challenges that healthcare purchasers face in your draft legislation, the "Lower Health Care Costs Act." The measures that were outlined and discussed in last week's hearing are disruptive to an untenable status quo. Undoubtedly the healthcare industry is coming unglued at the possibility of having to change. **We strongly urge you to stay the course and continue to take steps to fix a broken system.**

You aren't just fighting to address healthcare costs. You are fighting for economic investment, wage growth, research and development, job growth and other business activities that have been squeezed out by healthcare inflation. You are fighting for people who are facing impossible decisions to seek treatment or take care of their families.

The National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions is made up of 44 state and regional organizations who together represent more than 12,000 private and public employers, unions, and other healthcare purchasers which cover over 45 million lives. The members range from Fortune 100 companies to small businesses who are tired of paying far more for healthcare than any other developed country yet experiencing worse outcomes.

Please do not remove or dilute the good work that this committee has done. We are counting on your courage and determination to help all the people of our nation have a healthy and sustainable healthcare delivery system. Encouraging competition, transparency, and protecting patients are priorities that must be maintained.

The National Alliance and our member coalitions stand ready to help you and your fellow members find solutions to this difficult and complex problem. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,



Michael Thompson
President and CEO
The National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions

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