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RE: *The Imperative for Leveraging Digital Health Innovations in Addressing the COVID-19 Pandemic and Modernizing the American Healthcare System*

We represent a diverse coalition of stakeholders that support the expanded use of digital health technologies in healthcare based on a consistently growing body of evidence demonstrating their ability to improve patient care, reduce hospitalizations, avoid complications, and improve patient engagement (particularly for the chronically ill). Digital health tools and services, increasingly powered by artificial/augmented intelligence (AI), leverage patient-generated health data (PGHD) and range from wireless health products, mobile medical devices, telehealth and preventive services, clinical decision and chronic care management support, and cloud-based patient portals. As a community, we call on you to work together and take bipartisan action to enable digital health solutions to end the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, mitigate disparities in the American healthcare system, and accelerate the transition from fee-for-service to value-based care.

The need for rapid modernization of healthcare incentives in America is even more essential considering the ongoing COVID-19 crisis in the United States. The public health emergency exacerbates disparities in health outcomes that long existed between demographics, geographies, and other social determinants of health. Recently, patients turned to digital health platforms, tools, and services, consulting with caregivers in greater numbers as clinicians treating their patients at home seek to avoid calling them into an office or hospital. As a result, healthcare treatments via virtual modalities increased dramatically under temporary allowances related to the COVID-19 public health emergency, with patients and providers alike increasingly relying

on their efficiencies. Digital health tools that securely make access to and utilization of PGHD viable will be key to mitigating the disastrous impacts of the ongoing public health emergency and in improving the American healthcare system widely, and policymakers must work to encourage their availability and use.

While the signatories to this letter advocate for a wide range of actions by government, we are all committed to a common view: the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, the Biden-Harris Administration, and other policymakers must work together to bring the demonstrated value of digital health tools and services to every American. Congress must seize the opportunity it has to advance the responsible use of digital health tools in healthcare widely through all opportunities, including in addressing COVID-19 relief for the country. The Administration, as well as independent federal agencies, must take advantage of all opportunities available to utilize digital health technology to augment care for every patient.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you to leverage the extraordinary potential of digital health technologies in this critical time.

Sincerely,

**American Association for Respiratory Care**  
**American Association of Nurse Practitioners**  
**American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review for Physicians**  
**American Clinical Neurophysiology Society**  
**American Health Information Management Association**  
**Apple Inc.**  
**Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America**  
**Catalia Health**  
**Cerner Corporation**  
**Cohen Veterans Bioscience**  
**Connected Health Initiative**  
**DayaMed**  
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**GlobalForce Tech Consulting, LLC**  
**Hartford Hospital Pain Treatment Center**  
**Health Recovery Solutions**  
**Health Tech Pal Corp**  
**Healthcare Leadership Council**  
**HealthDatix**  
**Hygieia, Inc.**  
**iRedeemHealth**  
**Kaia Health**  
**KJ Solutions**  
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**Remote Cardiac Services Provider Group**  
**ResMed Inc.**  
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**rtNOW**  
**Scope Data, LLC**  
**Spine and Pain Institute at Midstate**  
**Telemedicine Health, Inc.**  
**The Medical Alley Association**  
**The Omega Concern, LLC**  
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**University of Mississippi Medical Center - Center for Telehealth**  
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