October 27, 2025

The Honorable Jennifer Kiggans U.S. House of Representatives 152 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kiggans:

On behalf of the undersigned patient and provider groups, we write to express our support for the *Increasing Medication Access for Seniors Act*. We thank you for introducing this legislation that is necessary for appropriate Congressional oversight of the <u>Medicare Prescription Payment Plan</u> (MPPP) and will assist organizations like ours in targeting education efforts to Medicare Part D beneficiaries.

Congress enacted the MPPP to provide Medicare Part D beneficiaries the option to pay their prescription drug costs in monthly installments over the course of a plan year. This is particulary impactful for beneficiaries with high cost medication on fixed incomes. Beneficiaries can only enroll in the MPPP by contacting their prescription drug plan. We are concerned that the 2025 roll-out has seen limited program uptake and awareness. A January Patient Access Network Foundation <a href="survey">survey</a> found only 25 percent of Medicare beneficiaries are aware of the MPPP and 41% of those individuals do not understand it well.

The *Increasing Medication Access for Seniors Act* importantly directs the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to report to Congress on uptake of the MPPP, the methods by which CMS is educating beneficiaries about the program, and outreach efforts with stakeholders such as provider associations and societies, patient and consumer advocacy groups, pharmacy benefit managers, pharmacies, and health insurance providers. This information is crucial to ensure the program is implemented as Congress intended.

Thank you for your leadership in ensuring CMS provide data on participation in MPPP and the agency continues to educate Part D beneficiaries on their option to smooth out their out-of pocket costs. We look forward to working with you to gain support for *Increasing Medication Access for Seniors Act*.

Sincerely,

AiArthritis
The AIDS Institute
Aimed Alliance
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance for Patient Access
Alpha-1 Foundation
ALS Association

American Association on Health and Disability

**Arthritis Foundation** 

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

**Autoimmune Association** 

California Chronic Care Coalition

**Cancer Support Community** 

CancerCare

Caregiver Action Network

CaringKind, The Heart of Alzheimer's Caregiving

Chronic Care Policy Alliance

**CLL Society** 

**EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases** 

Genetic Alliance

GI Cancers Alliance

Global Liver Institute

Haystack Project

The Headache and Migraine Policy Forum

HealthyWomen

**HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute** 

ICAN, International Cancer Advocacy Network

International Myeloma Foundation

Lakeshore Foundation

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.

Lupus Foundation of America

Mental Health America

MitoAction

MLD Foundation

National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP)

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

**National Council on Aging** 

National Eczema Association

National Health Council

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

National Organization for Rare Disorders

**National Psoriasis Foundation** 

Neuropathy Action Foundation (NAF)

Nevada Chronic Care Collaborative

Organic Acidemia Association

Patient Access Network (PAN) Foundation

**Patients Rising** 

**PXE International** 

Society of PAs in Genetics & Genomics

StopAfib.org/American Foundation for Women's Health

Susan G. Komen Triage Cancer Wilson Disease Association