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The Hon. Bob Goodlatte, Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
United States House of Representatives
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Goodlatte:

On behalf of the Health Coalition on Liability and Access (HCLA), we wish to thank you for marking up the Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act (H.R. 4771) and urge the bill's prompt passage through the Judiciary Committee.

As you are aware, the HCLA is a national advocacy coalition of associations and businesses representing doctors and other health care providers, hospitals, health care liability insurers, employers, and health care consumers. We are dedicated to reforming our medical liability system to increase patient safety, ensure that injured patients are compensated quickly and fairly, improve provider-patient communications, and ensure affordable and accessible medical liability insurance. The broad alliance which makes up the HCLA ensures that we advocate for solutions to our medical liability problems that are designed to have the most comprehensive benefits to the entire health care community.

The HEALTH Act achieves all of these goals. This legislation adopts many of the reforms which have been thoroughly tested in the states and which have proven successful in improving the medical liability climate in those states.

These reforms will return fairness and equity to our medical liability system for patients and providers alike. In addition, as previously noted by the Congressional Budget Office, these reforms will bring significant budgetary savings to aid in the efforts to reduce our national deficit.

Again, we thank you for your leadership in seeking enactment of these important reforms and offer our endorsement of the HEALTH Act. If there is any way we may be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Stinson
Chair