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Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I have come to briefly testify in support of two different bills and will begin with my own.

Remarks for H.R. 1598, Ensuring Access to Medicaid Buy-in Programs Act

First, I want to take this opportunity to highlight my bipartisan bill, H.R. 1598, the Ensuring Access to Medicaid Buy-in Programs Act.

Since coming to Congress, I have made it a priority to advance policies that benefit individuals who have disabilities. No working adult with a disability or other such barrier to employment should ever have to choose between earning a paycheck and keeping the essential health care benefits they rely on.

*By lifting the age limit for Medicaid buy-in programs, we can ensure individuals with disabilities over the age of 65 who depend on these programs can continue to work, **if they choose**, while maintaining the vital Medicaid benefits they need. This legislation closes this gap in benefits and will allow these individuals to stay in the workforce, contribute to and engage with their communities, and receive a paycheck while receiving the benefits they deserve.*

Last Congress, this bill passed unanimously, and I look forward to working with you to do that again this Congress. Thank you.

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Remarks for H.R. 2902, SOAR Act (Supplemental Oxygen Access Reform)

Now the second bill I wanted to come and voice support for is H.R. 2902, the Supplemental Oxygen Access Reform (SOAR) Act.

In beautiful and sunny Arizona, we have people from all over the country who choose to live, work, and retire, especially due to the weather and air quality necessary for the nearly 60,000 patients in Arizona who have cardiac or lung conditions.

Currently, too many of these individuals do not have access to the types of supplemental oxygen they need to sustain an adequate quality of life. They have to plan each day around outdated oxygen systems that often keep them homebound and out of their community.

This bill will help continue to provide access to supplemental oxygen for these individuals by ensuring Medicare takes a patient-centric approach, that they receive support from respiratory therapists, while also reforming coverage to ensure access to products and services like liquid oxygen.

I am proud to cosponsor this legislation, thankful for my colleague Rep. David Valadao for leading the effort, and with that Mr. Chairman, I yield back.