

May 8, 2018

The Honorable Tim Walberg
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter Welch
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Walberg and Welch:

On behalf of Families USA, one of the nation's leading health care consumer organizations dedicated to improving the health and health care of all in the nation, I am writing to share our support for your bipartisan legislation, H.R. 3891, which would strengthen the Medicaid program by empowering state Medicaid Fraud Control Units (MFCUs) to better investigate and prosecute Medicaid provider abuse and fraud.

Medicaid is an essential part of America's safety net and is relied upon by tens of millions of working families, children, seniors, and people with disabilities. Medicaid helps kids get a healthy start in life, provides long-term and home care to seniors and people with disabilities, and provides health care to pregnant women and working families.

State Medicaid Fraud Control Units (MFCUs) currently operate in 49 States and the District of Columbia and investigate and prosecute Medicaid provider fraud as well as patient abuse or neglect. H.R. 3891 clarifies the authority of MFCUs to investigate and prosecute cases of Medicaid patient abuse and neglect in non-institutional settings. This commonsense legislation would codify recommendations sent to HHS in a 2017 letter from 38 attorneys general to improve the function of MFCUs.¹

Your bill is an important opportunity for members of Congress to signal their support for bipartisan policies to strengthen Medicaid and protect consumers.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

¹ <http://www.naag.org/assets/redesign/files/sign-on-letter/Medicaid%20Expanded%20Duties%20final%20NAAG%20sign%20on.pdf>