

September 13, 2022

The Honorable Susie Lee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Richard Hudson  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Raul Ruiz, M.D.  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Lee, Representative Hudson, Representative Ruiz, and Representative Herrera Beutler:

On behalf of 1,400 health centers and the over 30 million patients they serve, the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) is grateful for your longstanding support of health centers and recognition of the importance of access to high-quality, affordable health care. We sincerely appreciate your leadership in sponsoring the Maximizing Outcomes through Better Investments in Lifesaving Equipment for (MOBILE) Health Care Act (HR 5141). Your legislation is crucial because it will enable health centers to extend care to additional underserved and rural areas. We urge its swift adoption.

At their core, Community Health Centers are locally driven organizations that meet the unique needs of the communities they serve. Care is most often administered at permanent brick-and-mortar locations but can also be provided within the community via mobile clinics. This model extends care beyond the four walls of the clinic to meet patients where they are located. Mobile vans bolster the range of the health center to communities that may not be large enough to support a permanent site and reach patients that may be unable to seek care at a permanent location. For example, one of the ways that health centers have been so successful in responding to COVID is by using mobile clinics. Over the last six months, health centers have conducted nearly 7,000 mobile COVID events to test and vaccinate patients.

NACHC supports the MOBILE Health Care Act because it authorizes mobile units specifically as part of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) New Access Point grant authority. Currently, a mobile unit can only qualify as part of a New Access Point if it is associated with a permanent brick-and-mortar site. This change will facilitate the deployment of more mobile units and provide health centers more flexibility in how they deliver care to their patients.

Again, NACHC is grateful for your support of health centers. We look forward to working with you and the leadership of the Energy and Commerce Committee in moving the MOBILE Health Care Act forward.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Joe Dunn, NACHC's Senior Vice President for Public Policy & Research, by phone at (703) 299-3799 or by email at [jdunn@nachc.org](mailto:jdunn@nachc.org). Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RAGH', with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

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National Association of Community Health Centers

cc: The Honorable Frank Pallone  
Chairman  
House Energy & Commerce Committee

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Ranking Member  
House Energy & Commerce Committee