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Joel is the Executive Director of the Health Innovation Alliance (www.health-innovation.org), a broad-based coalition of patient groups, provider organizations, employers, technology companies, and health plans that supports incentives to adopt and use technology and data to make health care work better. HIA has been instrumental in crafting policies and advocating for reforms that have been included in several laws like the 2020 CARES Act, the SUPPORT Act, 21st Century Cures Act, the MACRA law and the HITECH Act. These reforms have promoted interoperability and standards-based data exchange, required a modern public health infrastructure, and integrated technology into health care payment and delivery models in Medicare, Medicaid and employer sponsored insurance.

Joel spent twelve years on Capitol Hill as professional staff, where he helped enact nine laws, including the 2002 Trade Act, which created health care tax credits, the 2003 law that established the Medicare prescription drug benefit and Health Savings Accounts, the 2005 Deficit Reduction Act, and the 2006 Tax Reform and Health Care Act, which reformed Medicare payment policies.

Joel served six years as staff on the Committee on Ways and Means, first as Professional Staff and then as Staff Director of the Health Subcommittee. Prior to his work on the Committee on Ways and Means staff, Joel worked for Congressman Jim Greenwood (PA) for two years and Congressman Chris Shays (CT) for four years.

Joel is on the Boards of several charitable organizations, including Samaritan Inns, one of the largest homeless shelters in Washington, D.C. He helps run Arlington Bridge Builders, which seeks to support people in poverty with rent, utilities and medical assistance. He is the co-author of the book, *Facts and Figures on Government Finance* (1992), which brings together data on public finance at all levels of government, with comparisons of taxing and spending levels spanning a half century. He holds a BS in Economics from the American University.