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July 15, 2026

The Honorable Jason Smith  
Chairman  
House Committee on Ways and Means  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard E. Neal  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Ways and Means  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Neal:

On behalf of the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA)—the national leadership organization representing more than 2,200 Catholic health care systems, hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, and service providers—I am writing regarding several health care measures scheduled for consideration by the Committee.

CHA appreciates the Committee's continued focus on improving access to care and reducing administrative barriers in Medicare. The *Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act* (H.R. 3514) and the *Rural Patient Monitoring Access Act* (H.R. 3108) are both welcome bipartisan efforts that would improve health care delivery. However, we hope the Committee will revisit the hospital and provider provisions in H.R. 9645, the *Health Care Price Certainty for All Americans Act*.

CHA represents the Catholic health ministry, the largest group of not-for-profit health care providers in the nation. Last year, Catholic hospitals provided care to 1 in 7 patients, employed 750,000 people, and had more than 5 million admissions, including one million Medicaid admissions. The *Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act* would streamline and modernize prior authorization processes in Medicare Advantage, helping reduce unnecessary delays in care and lessen administrative burdens on clinicians and providers. The *Rural Patient Monitoring Access Act* would strengthen access to remote patient monitoring services, particularly in rural and underserved communities, supporting timely care, better management of chronic conditions, and improved health outcomes.

At the same time, we have concerns with H.R. 9645, the *Health Care Price Certainty for All Americans Act*, and look forward to working with the Committee to address these concerns and strengthen the bill. Catholic hospitals and health systems support transparency efforts that help patients understand their health care costs and make informed decisions. However, many hospitals are already subject to extensive federal price transparency requirements, and H.R. 9645 would impose significant new statutory mandates, reporting obligations, and compliance requirements on hospitals and other providers. We are concerned that these requirements would increase administrative costs and divert resources away from patient care without necessarily improving the usefulness of pricing information for patients and families.

In particular, we urge the Committee to ensure that any new transparency requirements are aligned with existing federal rules, avoid duplication, recognize the complexity of health care

pricing, and provide sufficient flexibility for hospitals serving diverse communities and patient populations. Federal transparency policies should focus on providing meaningful, accurate, and actionable information to patients while minimizing unnecessary administrative burden on hospitals and providers.

We thank you for your leadership on behalf of the communities we are privileged to serve. We appreciate the Committee's willingness to consider bipartisan solutions that improve access to care and strengthen the health care system. We look forward to continuing to work with you on H.R. 3514 and H.R. 3108 and to collaborating with you to address the concerns raised by H.R. 9645.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sr. Mary Haddad", written in a cursive style.

Sr. Mary Haddad, RSM  
President and CEO