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CHA Welcomes House Passage of Build Back Better Legislation
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WASHINGTON, DC – “We welcome the House of Representatives’ passage of the Build Back Better reconciliation act which would make historic investments in supporting vulnerable communities and families and close the coverage gap for low-income Americans in states that have not expanded Medicaid. We are encouraged that the bill will support low-income and working families by extending the ACA affordability subsidies and making significant investments in the social safety net. We are also pleased that the legislation bolsters programs that advance health equity, supports pregnant mothers, protects the environment, cares for our elderly, and invests in children’s health.

“However, we urge the Senate to continue to improve the bill by addressing the proposed cuts in funding for the Medicaid disproportionate share hospital program serving low-income families in the Medicaid gap states and by continuing to strengthen the bill’s protections on life and human dignity.

“Catholic hospitals, health systems and long-term care facilities have long been at the forefront for providing quality and compassionate care for those in need and we look forward to working with the Senate to pass a bill which upholds human dignity and allows all American to live healthier lives”

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