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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Chairman
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
Ranking Member
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Jeffries, Chairman Guthrie, and Ranking Member Pallone:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations representing patients, providers, researchers, health care professionals, and public health advocates, we write in strong support of the Cure Hepatitis C Act recently introduced by Representatives Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Diana DeGette, and Hank Johnson (D-GA). This bipartisan legislation presents a historic opportunity to eliminate hepatitis C in the United States, while saving lives, reducing long-term health care costs, and strengthening our nation's public health system.

Eliminating hepatitis C is an achievable public health goal that transcends party lines. Curative therapies are more than 95 percent effective and capable of eliminating the virus in as little as 8 to 12 weeks, yet thousands of Americans remain undiagnosed with many developing cirrhosis, liver cancer, and other serious complications because they lack access to treatment. Congress has an unprecedented opportunity to address this by supporting the coordinated national program to eliminate hepatitis C authorized by the Cure Hepatitis C Act.

At a time when Congress is seeking solutions that both improve health outcomes and reduce long-term federal spending, this legislation stands out as an opportunity to achieve both. The Congressional Budget Office’s initial cost estimate found that the legislation would save the federal government $6.6 Billion over 10 years. By investing today in screening, treatment, and prevention, Congress can save lives while avoiding the far greater costs of advanced liver disease and liver transplantation in the years ahead.

The Cure Hepatitis C Act offers Congress a unique opportunity to achieve a lasting bipartisan public health victory. We urge the House Energy and Commerce Committee to promptly consider this legislation and advance it to the House floor. We also encourage all members of the House of Representatives to cosponsor the bill and work together to enact it this Congress.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to improve the health of the American people. We look forward to working with you to make hepatitis C elimination a reality.

For additional information, please contact Tim Leshan, Chief External Relations and Advocacy Officer, Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health, with any questions (Tleshan@aspph.org (202) 296-1099, ext.132).

Sincerely,

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MAUI AIDS FOUNDATION
Mid-South Liver Alliance
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New York City Council
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The Hepatitis C Mentor and Support Group-HCMSG
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