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WASHINGTON, D.C. (February 12, 2020) – Today, 14 patient and consumer organizations representing millions of people facing serious, acute, chronic health conditions, issued the following statement in response to the **House Ways & Means Committee** markup to move legislation intended to prevent patients from facing surprise medical bills:

“Our organizations appreciate the House Ways & Means Committee’s actions today to markup the [Consumer Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills Act](#), intended to prevent patients from facing surprise medical bills. This legislation includes critical patient protections and transparency requirements that help ensure that patients have access to accurate provider directories and are shielded from unfair billing practices.

Surprise billing affects millions of patients each year and is a growing concern for our organizations and the patients we serve. Our organizations have worked together on behalf of patients to ensure Congress takes steps to adequately protect patients. Last fall, our organizations sent [a letter](#) to Congress outlining our priorities for this legislation. We urge Congress to work quickly to enact bipartisan legislation that will address the growing problem and lower patient’s health care costs.

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