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Dear Representatives Chu, Engel and Carter,

As members of the Friends of NQF Steering Committee, we applaud your leadership and introduction of bipartisan legislation (H.R. 3031) continuing federal funding for the National Quality Forum.

Continued federal funding for the National Quality Forum (NQF) is foundational to efforts to achieve a cost-efficient, high-quality, value-based healthcare system that ensures the best care for Americans and the best use of the nation's healthcare dollars. The introduction of your bill to reauthorize federal funding for NQF helps ensure that quality measures used in care delivery and payment reform continue to be reliable, effective and drive measurable improvements for our nation's Medicare beneficiaries.

During the continued legislative process, we encourage the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means to consider other changes to modernize and enhance the impact of NQF's contribution to our nation's continued commitment to value-based care. These changes would include:

- Improve public transparency and accountability regarding the use and implementation of measures, enabling public input into emerging Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation models;
- Advance quality improvement reforms that reduce administrative burden and foster alignment across programs and payers; and,
- Advance national health priorities and high-value, high-impact quality measures through innovations in measurement.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to NQF. Continuing the nation's work to advance quality, safety, and cost-effective healthcare is one objective we all share.

Sincerely,

The Friends of NQF Steering Committee

American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
American College of Physicians
American Society of Nephrology

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America's Health Insurance Plans
Blue Cross Blue Shield Association
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