



June 26, 2020

The Honorable Tina Smith
United States Senate
720 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kim Schrier
United States House of Representatives
1123 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Phil Roe, M.D.
United States House of Representatives
102 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Smith, Congresswoman Schrier, and Congressman Roe:

Thank you for your leadership on healthcare issues and your commitment to addressing the COVID-19 public health crisis. I write today on behalf of the American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM) to offer the organization's strong support for the *Health Care at Home Act* (S. 3741/ H.R. 6644).

AANEM is a nonprofit membership association dedicated to the advancement of neuromuscular, musculoskeletal, and electrodiagnostic (EDX) medicine. Our mission is to improve the quality of care for patients experiencing abnormal movements, muscle cramps, numbness/tingling, pain, and weakness. Our members are dedicated to diagnosing and managing a variety of nerve and muscle diseases, and we are dedicated to serving them.

AANEM serves many chronic and rare disease communities, including amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, muscular dystrophies, neuropathies, others. Due to their underlying health status, these patients may be particularly vulnerable to COVID-19. Access to telehealth services during this difficult time is essential to ensuring continuity of care. While some improvements to care and access have been made through administrative action and previous legislation passed by Congress, there remains a lack of uniformity and consistency for plans governed by ERISA. The *Health Care at Home Act* is timely and important legislation to resolve remaining access issues for vulnerable patients.

Please work with your colleagues to quickly advance and enact the core provisions of S. 3741/ H.R. 6644. Thank you for your time and for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yuen T. So".

Yuen T. So, MD, PhD
AANEM President