

June 12, 2023

The Honorable Richard Hudson
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The Honorable Josh Gottheimer
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The Honorable Troy Balderson
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The Honorable Lori Trahan
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Dear Reps. Hudson, Gottheimer, Balderson and Trahan:

As organizations dedicated to ensuring a resilient and reliable healthcare supply chain during national emergencies, we write in strong support of the Medical and Health Stockpile Accountability Act ([H.R. 3577](#)) which would require the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) to establish an automated supply chain tracking application that provides insight into critical medical supplies across the country.

The Medical and Health Stockpile Accountability Act is designed to ensure the nation's healthcare providers and the patients they care for never again face the widespread supply shortages and uncertainty that plagued the U.S. during the pandemic. One of the most vexing problems that presented during the pandemic was the lack of visibility into the quantity and location of critical medical supplies and pharmaceuticals on U.S. soil. As [highlighted by the GAO](#), the opaqueness of the healthcare supply chain failed to provide us with early warnings of supply shortages and the information necessary to overcome them.

The Medical and Health Stockpile Accountability Act creates an urgently needed national automated information collection infrastructure that can track critical product availability - from the manufacturer, to distribution, to stockpiles, to hospital inventory. This system would be activated during emergencies to provide federal and state governments, as well as hospitals and certain private sector partners, with insights to enable accurate and educated decisions about supply needs at the local, state, regional and national levels. It would also standardize and automate the collection and reporting of information across the entire supply chain, eliminating manual reporting burden.

With robust guardrails, the Medical and Health Stockpile Accountability Act will protect confidential and proprietary information. It would also ensure that this information is leveraged for planning and allocation purposes only and that product cannot be confiscated from health systems and other entities. The bill also ensures that all hospitals across the country, including those in rural communities, are able to leverage the automated supply chain tracking application.

The Medical and Health Stockpile Accountability Act reflects our on-the-ground learnings and input as organizations that have first-hand knowledge of existing supply chain infrastructure challenges. Transparency into the healthcare supply chain will help pinpoint the intersection of supply and demand, better identify areas of vulnerability, and enable timely access to the vital supplies providers need to care for patients.

We urge Congress to include the Medical and Health Stockpile Accountability Act as part of the forthcoming Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA) reauthorization.

cc: House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Cathy McMorris Rodgers
House Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Frank Pallone
House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee Chair Brett Guthrie
House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee Ranking Member Anna Eshoo

Sincerely,

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Catholic Health Association of the United States
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Southcoast Health
Strategic Audit Solutions, Inc.
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Tetra Medical Supply Corp.
Texas Health Resources
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