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Congresswoman DeGette,

On behalf of Colorado Counties Inc., we thank you for your service on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and commitment to accessible and affordable health care for Americans.

As the committee reviews implementation of the SUPPORT Act and considers how to address gaps in the treatment and recovery landscape, we respectfully request that you embrace two bills that our organization strongly supports – the Due Process Continuity of Care Act and the Reentry Act.

Both of these bills amend the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (MIEP), which unfairly denies or revokes federal health benefits for adults and juveniles that are being housed in county jails prior to conviction. In Colorado, these individuals are in the custody of the county sheriff, so their medical, dental, and behavioral health care is paid for by the county. This policy also causes disruptions in health care access that are harmful to the individual and increases rates of recidivism.

CCI has long supported amending these policies; most recently, our organization wrote to our Congressional delegation urging support of these two bills. That letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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CCI Justice & Public Safety, Chair

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CCI Justice & Public Safety, Vice Chair

CC: Matthew Chase, Executive Director & CEO, National Association of Counties (NACO)