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Dear Mr. President:

The *Patients' Access to Responsible Care Alliance* (PARCA), comprised of organizations representing healthcare providers, applauds your efforts to address and bring critically needed additional attention to the important issue of health care reform, including your recently held Health Care Summit.

In today's delivery system, health plans routinely discriminate against whole classes of healthcare providers. Additionally, health care policy and decision makers often exhibit a tendency to overlook or ignore the important role played in our health delivery system by the non-MD/DO provider community. All too often, the voice of the non-MD/DO provider community is not heard. This is highly unfortunate, as simply put, our current delivery system could not function without the participation of the PARCA-represented provider community, nor could any future and more efficient system based, hopefully, on the delivery of improved quality care, value, and outcomes.

As a matter of practicality, principle and sound policy we believe it is essential to involve the participation of the non-MD/DO provider community (*as represented by the organized body of the PARCA coalition*) in your future deliberations regarding health reform and in any meetings or forums similar in nature to the recent Health Care Summit held March 5, 2009.

With respect to the above, we urgently request that the member organizations represented by PARCA have an opportunity to meet with you and/or your appropriate designated official(s) to discuss our concerns and how the broad provider constituencies we represent can help advance a forward looking and progressive health reform agenda beneficial to the nation and the millions of patients we serve.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to working with you and your administration to address the important issue of health care reform.

Sincerely,

*The Patients' Access to Responsible Care Alliance*

- American Academy of Audiology
- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
- American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- American Chiropractic Association
- American College of Nurse Midwives
- American Occupational Therapy Association
- American Optometric Association
- American Physical Therapy Association
- American Podiatric Medical Association
- American Psychological Association
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- National Association of Social Workers

*PARCA* is a coalition of organizations that represent the interests of millions of patients and non-MD/DO healthcare providers. It aims to provide federal policymakers with access to information from all areas of the healthcare community, in order to assist in the formulation of responsible, well-rounded healthcare policy. The coalition is committed to quality, cost-effective care, and ensuring patients have options in the delivery of such care.

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