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Chair Morgan Griffith
House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Diana DeGette
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Dear Chair Griffith, Ranking Member DeGette, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of ATA Action, the American Telemedicine Association's affiliated trade organization, I write to express support for H.R. 3419, legislation to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Telehealth Network and Telehealth Resource Centers Grant Programs. We also thank the Committee for holding a hearing to examine this important legislation and for continuing to prioritize telehealth infrastructure and access.

The Telehealth Resource Centers (TRCs) and the Telehealth Network Program are both vital to sustaining and expanding telehealth services nationwide. Today, there are 14 TRCs across the country, 12 regional centers and 2 national centers, that provide neutral, expert guidance and technical assistance to healthcare providers in every state and U.S. territory. These centers are critical to supporting the implementation of telehealth, especially in rural, underserved, and frontier communities.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, TRCs experienced a surge in demand of over 800%, and demand continues to remain at 400% above pre-pandemic levels. This sustained need underscores the importance of ensuring TRCs have the resources to scale operations and meet the moment.

We are especially pleased to see that H.R. 3419 includes a funding increase to \$42,050,000 annually for fiscal years 2026 through 2030—a significant and timely investment in telehealth infrastructure. While the legislation reauthorizes both the TRC and Telehealth Network Grant Programs and does not specify how the increased funds will be allocated between them, we urge the Subcommittee to consider including intent language clarifying that a meaningful portion of this increase should be directed to support the work of the TRCs. Given the dramatic and sustained increase in demand for TRC services, ensuring that this funding supports their capacity and growth would align with the needs of the healthcare system.



Telehealth is now a core component of how care is delivered in the United States. Reauthorizing and strengthening these foundational programs is essential to preserving access and driving innovation. ATA Action urges swift passage of H.R. 3419 and appreciates the opportunity to voice support for this critical legislation.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle Zebley", written over a faint, light gray circular watermark.

Kyle Zebley
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