



March 8, 2021

West Virginia Senate  
1900 Kanawha Blvd. E.  
Building 1, State Capitol Complex  
Charleston, WV 25305

**Re: Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2024 - Telehealth Reforms**

Dear West Virginia Senators,

On behalf of our respective members, activists and volunteers across the Mountain State, we urge the West Virginia State Senate to swiftly adopt the groundbreaking telehealth reforms in Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2024.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Justice's Executive Order 7-20 empowered licensed highly qualified healthcare practitioners in other states to provide much needed telehealth services to West Virginians without duplicative red tape standing in the way. Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2024, a bill at the request of the executive, will make the availability of these life savings services permanent for our citizens without placing artificial barriers on the access.

It is critical that policy makers do not impose arbitrary restrictions as other iterations of this legislation have attempted to do. Our organizations will respectfully oppose any such changes to Committee Substitute for House Bill 2024.

This crucial telehealth reform has brought care to patients, rather than having patients travel and put themselves and others at risk for possible exposure during the era of COVID-19. In the future, greater use of telehealth services should continue to increase access to a whole host of health providers who are in good standing.

Implementation of the Executive Order has proven-this policy change works, in order for these much-needed services to continue, it is imperative that lawmakers rapidly adopt Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2024.

Sincerely,

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