

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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April 17, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

We write to thank you for your continued support for all of our front line workers during the current public health emergency. As COVID-19 spreads to both highly trafficked cities and less central underserved communities, it is essential that we ensure all of our community health centers have the resources they need to provide testing and treatment for patients, and proper protection for their front line workers.

Like Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Federally Qualified Health Center “Look-Alikes” ensure access to health care for underserved, rural, and economically vulnerable populations, regardless of their ability to pay for services. FQHC Look-Alikes are community-based health care providers that meet the same FQHC requirements of the HRSA Health Center Program, but do not receive Health Center Program funding. The defining legislation for Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alikes (under the Consolidated Health Center Program) is Section 1905(l)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act.

FQHC Look-Alikes have been performing and continue to perform essential front-line activities to combat COVID-19, the same services as other FQHCs; however, given that their statutory basis is different from FQHCs, they have not been able to take advantage of the dedicated community health center funding streams made available in the three COVID-19 response packages.

Right now, more than 80 Look-Alikes across the country are fighting side-by-side with FQHCs (or Community Health Centers) on the front lines, serving the same underserved communities in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, but without the same critical federal support that will be provided for FQHCs.

Should Congress consider additional Coronavirus legislation and seek to equip all front line community providers with the tools they need to combat the pandemic, we urge you to broaden the group of community health centers who are able to receive funding to include FQHC Look-Alikes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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