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Dear Representatives Bilirakis and Kind:

I have the privilege of leading the claims professionals for the Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company. I wanted to thank you for your leadership on the Provide Accurate Information Directly (PAID) Act and for your efforts to encourage your colleagues to support this critical legislation. Current law created an inefficient system for all parties, including insurers, navigating the Medicare Secondary Payers (MSP) and Medicaid Third Party Liability (TPL) system. The PAID Act will bring clarity to the process by ensuring all stakeholders have a clear line of communication that will enable timely and fair results.

The status quo is needlessly troublesome. Envision an accident — anything from auto accidents to workplace injuries — where a Medicare or Medicaid beneficiary is covered by another party. In this example, MSP policy dictates that the federal programs will not pay for health care expenses when another party is liable, but each stakeholder is left in the dark on what is expected of the primary payer. The liable party, who acts as the primary payer, is not sure which plan a beneficiary falls under, leaving beneficiaries unable to reach a settlement because the liable party cannot reasonably estimate their expenses. All the while, taxpayers are stuck with a costly, wasteful process.

The PAID Act applies a commonsense solution. The bill simply requires the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to promptly share relevant information with the settling party, thereby accelerating the settlement process. All stakeholders will benefit from the enhanced clarity and transparency of MSP and TPL claims, while the federal government will enjoy lower costs because of the improved coordination between the various parties. In short, this small legislative change will create a more judicious, established, and speedy process – with tangible benefits for everyone involved.

On behalf of the Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, thank you for your work on this issue and for your sponsorship of the PAID Act. We encourage your colleagues to cosponsor this bill and look forward to its speedy passage in both chambers of Congress.

Sincerely,

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