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Large Employers Applaud Congress for Introduction of Bipartisan Mental Health Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. – HR Policy Association applauds Energy and Commerce Chairman Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) and Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) for introducing the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022 (H.R. 7666), which reauthorizes several federal mental health treatment and recovery programs and improves the integration of behavioral and primary health care.

HR Policy Association represents chief human resource officers of more than 400 of the largest employers in the United States. Collectively, their companies provide health care coverage to over 21 million employees and dependents in the United States. The American Health Policy Institute, which was created by the Association, serves to examine the challenges employers face in providing health care to their employees and recommends policy solutions to promote the provision of affordable, high-quality, employer-based health care.

The legislation includes the bipartisan Collaborate in an Orderly and Cohesive Manner Act which promotes the uptake of collaborative care models by providing grant funding to remove the barriers primary care practices face when trying to implement the model. The legislation also includes the promotion of additional research to identify other evidence-based models of integrated care.

Mark Wilson, President and CEO of the American Health Policy Institute and Vice President, Health and Employment policy for HR Policy Association said, “The Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022 is an important step in addressing the mental health crisis facing Americans. Employers are committed to addressing this crisis and improving the wellbeing of their employees. The programs included in this legislation, like the funding for collaborative care models, address the very real issue of limited access to needed behavioral health providers. I am pleased this bill advanced through the Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee and we look forward working with Congress to pass this legislation.”

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