

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 26, 2018

The Honorable Gopal Khanna
Director
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
5600 Fisher Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Director Khanna,

We write to express our concerns about the recent decision to shut down the National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC) and Guideline.gov. We believe this decision will hinder patient care and negatively affect patient outcomes. We urge you to reverse this short-sighted and dangerous decision.

Over the past 20 years, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality maintained an invaluable database of up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines on how best to diagnose, treat, and prevent over 1,000 medical conditions or diseases. The NGC and Guideline.gov filled a unique role in fulfilling its mission to provide health care professionals with objective guidelines on everything from preventing stroke to screening for cancer to caring for patients with HIV. This system helped health care providers provide the best possible care for their patients.

As health care costs continue to rise, the shuttering of Guideline.gov will not only negatively impact the 200,000 visitors per month, but also the untold numbers of patients in their care. Americans deserve an efficient health care system that is able to give providers the information they need to make accurate and reliable recommendations. We urge you to work with Congress and with the medical community to find an alternative to removing this valuable source of information.

Sincerely,



Bill Foster
Member of Congress



Ami Bera
Member of Congress



Darren Soto
Member of Congress



Dina Titus
Member of Congress



Brian Higgins
Member of Congress



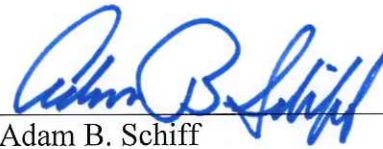
John Garamendi
Member of Congress



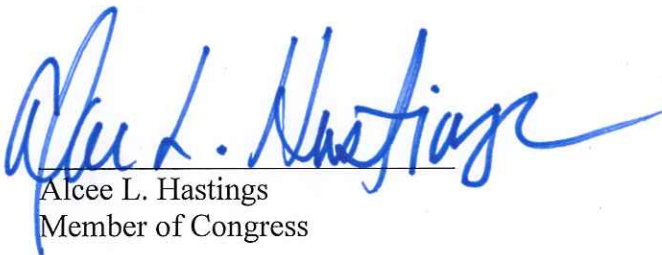
Luis V. Gutiérrez
Member of Congress



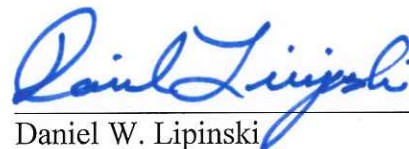
Steve Cohen
Member of Congress



Adam B. Schiff
Member of Congress



Alcee L. Hastings
Member of Congress



Daniel W. Lipinski
Member of Congress



Emanuel Cleaver, II
Member of Congress



Terri A. Sewell
Member of Congress



Eleanor Holmes Norton
Member of Congress



James R. Langevin
Member of Congress



Mark DeSaulnier
Member of Congress



Donald M. Payne, Jr.
Member of Congress



Alma S. Adams
Member of Congress



Cedric L. Richmond
Member of Congress



Jamie Raskin
Member of Congress



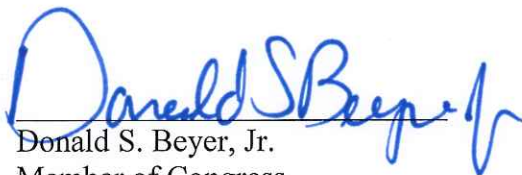
Cheri Bustos
Member of Congress



Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress



Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress



Donald S. Beyer, Jr.
Member of Congress



Robin L. Kelly
Member of Congress



Nanette Barragán
Member of Congress



Zoe Lofgren
Member of Congress



Seth Moulton
Member of Congress



Ed Perlmutter
Member of Congress



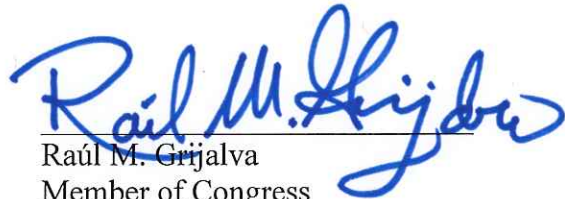
Mark Pocan
Member of Congress



Anthony G. Brown
Member of Congress



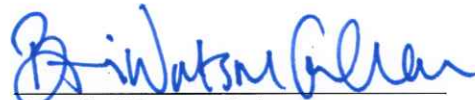
Tony Cárdenas
Member of Congress



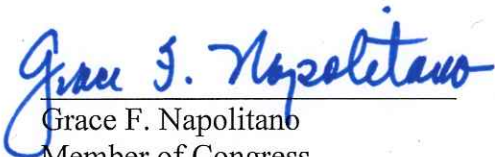
Raúl M. Grijalva
Member of Congress



Carol Shea-Porter
Member of Congress



Bonnie Watson Coleman
Member of Congress



Grace F. Napolitano
Member of Congress



Norma Torres
Member of Congress



Yvette D. Clarke
Member of Congress



Lucille Roybal-Allard
Member of Congress



Danny K. Davis
Member of Congress



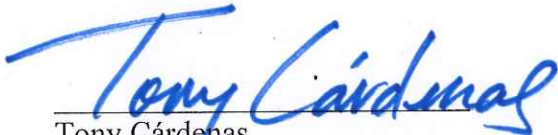
Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress



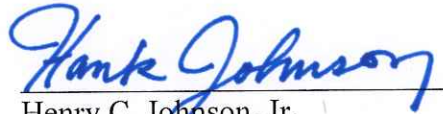
Marcy Kaptur
Member of Congress



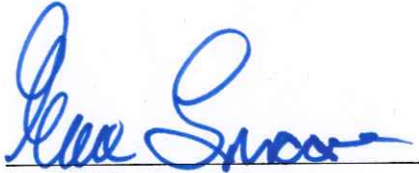
Anthony G. Brown
Member of Congress



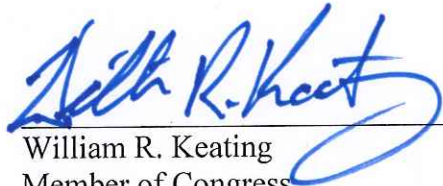
Tony Cárdenas
Member of Congress



Henry C. Johnson, Jr.
Member of Congress



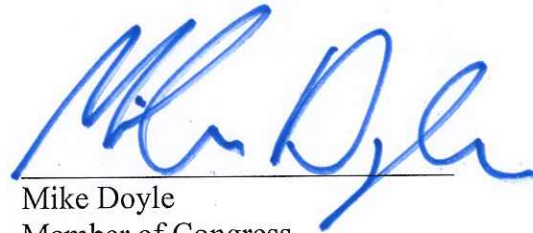
Gwen Moore
Member of Congress



William R. Keating
Member of Congress



Bennie G. Thompson
Member of Congress



Mike Doyle
Member of Congress