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RE: H.R. 379 / S. 104 – The Improving Social Determinants Act of 2021

Dear Representative Diaz-Barragán, Senator Smith and Senator Murphy,

The National Alliance to impact the Social Determinants of Health (NASDOH) writes to express support for your bill [H.R. 379](#) / [S. 104](#) – The Improving Social Determinants Act of 2021, which would authorize the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to create a program to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities by coordinating CDC social determinants of health activities and improve the capacity of public health agencies and community organizations to address social determinants of health. The President’s FY2022 budget calls for \$150 million in funding for such a grant program, and we support this funding request, which is higher than the proposed authorization level.

The National Alliance to impact the Social Determinants of Health ([NASDOH](#)) is a group of stakeholders working to systematically and pragmatically build a common understanding of the importance of addressing social needs as part of an overall approach to health improvement and economic vitality of families and communities. The Alliance brings together health care, public health and social services expertise, local community experience, community-convening competence, business and financial insight, technology innovation, data and analytics competencies, and policy and advocacy acumen to assess and address current regulatory frameworks, funding environments and opportunities, and practical challenges to implementing and sustaining social determinants of health efforts. We seek to make a material improvement in the health of individuals and communities and, through multi-sector partnerships within the national system of health, to advance holistic, value-based, person-centered health care that can successfully impact the social determinants of health.

NASDOH supports coordinated efforts to address the social determinants of health and particularly supports this bill’s provision to coordinate social determinants of health efforts across CDC and to ensure programs consider and incorporate social determinants of health in grants and activities. As an alliance, we have also [advocated](#) for cross-agency leadership and coordination to address social determinants of health and are pleased to see alignment on these coordinated efforts in your bill.

We appreciate your focus on the social determinants of health and look forward to future legislative action on this topic from you and other members of Congress. For more information on NASDOH and our members, please visit our website at www.nasdoh.org or contact Sara Singleton at Sara.Singleton@leavittpartners.com

Sincerely,

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