

Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) 154 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

RE: S. 674 - Public Health Infrastructure Saves Lives Act (PHILSA)

Dear Senator Murray,

The National Alliance to impact the Social Determinants of Health (NASDOH) writes to express support for your bill  $\underline{S.674}$  – the Public Health Infrastructure Saves Lives Act (PHILSA) to establish a new core public health infrastructure program.

The National Alliance to impact the Social Determinants of Health (<u>NASDOH</u>) 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 efforts to increase activities for public health activities and particularly supports your legislative proposal to provide \$4.5 billion in annual funding to bolster the nation's efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, and strengthen its ability to respond to other public health challenges going forward.

We appreciate your focus on public health infrastructure and 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 <u>www.nasdoh.org</u> or contact Sara Singleton at <u>Sara.Singleton@leavittpartners.com</u>

Sincerely,

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