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HSCA Statement on House Committee on Homeland Security Hearing on the Coronavirus

Washington, DC (March 11, 2020) – Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) President and CEO Khatereh Calleja today released the following statement in conjunction with “[Confronting the Coronavirus: The Federal Response](#),” a hearing before the U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security:

“HSCA and its member healthcare group purchasing organizations (GPOs) applaud members of the House Committee on Homeland Security for their focus on the United States’ efforts to address the coronavirus.

“Health crises like the coronavirus place enormous stress on the entire healthcare system, including the healthcare supply chain. GPOs play a critical role in supporting emergency response and public health efforts and are deeply committed to ensuring that healthcare providers and physicians are prepared to respond to challenges like the coronavirus. HSCA and its member GPOs are working closely with healthcare stakeholders and state, federal, and local health and emergency management agencies to enable a coordinated, comprehensive response to this public health threat.

“HSCA supports policy solutions that enable supply chain resiliency and transparency, including the House and Senate introduction of the [Medical Supply Chain Security Act](#), which was sponsored by Senator Josh Hawley (R-MO) and Representatives Mike Gallagher (R-WI) and Mark Pocan (D-WI). This legislation will strengthen medical supply chains by enabling the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to have greater visibility into where raw materials, active pharmaceutical ingredients (API), and component parts of prescription drugs and medical devices are manufactured, allowing FDA to identify potential shortages and respond swiftly.

“We thank Senator Hawley, Representatives Gallagher and Pocan, and all the members of the House Committee on Homeland Security for their leadership on emergency preparedness and supply chain resiliency, and we will continue to work with Congress, the Administration, federal agencies, and all healthcare stakeholders throughout the healthcare delivery system to safeguard the supply chain and ensure hospitals and healthcare providers are equipped to treat and prevent the spread of the coronavirus.”

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About the Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA)

The Healthcare Supply Chain Association ([HSCA](#)) represents the nation's leading healthcare group purchasing organizations (GPOs), which are critical cost-savings partners to America's hospitals, homes, nursing home pharmacies, clinics, home healthcare providers and surgery centers. GPOs deliver billions in savings annually to healthcare providers, Medicare and Medicaid, and taxpayers. HSCA and its member GPOs are committed to delivering the best products at the best value to healthcare providers, to increasing competition and innovation in the market, and to being supply chain leaders in transparency and accountability. For more information, visit www.supplychainassociation.org. Follow HSCA on Twitter [@HSCA](#).