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HSCA Statement on Senate HELP Committee Hearing on the Coronavirus

Washington, DC (March 3, 2020) – Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA) President and CEO Khatereh Calleja today released the following statement in conjunction with “[An Emerging Disease Threat: How the U.S. Is Responding to COVID-19, the Novel Coronavirus](#),” a hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions ([HELP](#)):

“HSCA and its member healthcare group purchasing organizations (GPOs) applaud Senate HELP Committee Chair Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA) for their focus on the United States’ efforts to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

“Public health crises like the coronavirus place enormous stress on the entire healthcare system, including first responders, physicians, hospitals, other healthcare providers, and the patients they serve. HSCA and its member GPOs are working closely 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 this disease.

“HSCA recently [joined](#) other leading healthcare organizations in urging swift Senate action on the Mitigating Emergency Drug Shortages (MEDS) Act to help address vulnerabilities in the supply chain. As we continue to address this public health crisis, it is critical that all stakeholders work together to increase the flow of information and create greater visibility into where raw materials and active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) of prescription drugs are manufactured.

“We thank the Senate HELP Committee for its focus on the coronavirus, and we will continue to work with healthcare stakeholders and state, federal, and local health and emergency management agencies to enable a coordinated, comprehensive response to this public health threat.”

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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

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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](https://twitter.com/HSCA).