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RE: Support for H.R. 1876, the “Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act”

Dear Representatives:

As the Alliance of Specialty Medicine (Alliance), our mission is to advocate for sound federal health care policy that fosters patient access to the highest quality specialty care. As patient and physician advocates, **the Alliance writes in support of H.R. 1876, the “Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act”**. This legislation is important to support health professionals serving as volunteers in response to a national emergency, major disaster, or a public health emergency.

Many of the specialty physicians represented by the Alliance volunteer their time and skills to respond in times of crisis and ensure quality medical care is available. Federal law should provide these medical service volunteers who cross state lines to assist with the response to a national emergency with adequate protection. The Alliance supports the “Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act” which would extend federal liability protections to licensed, certified, or authorized health care professionals who volunteer for the purposes of responding to a disaster.

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We appreciate your leadership in this important issue and look forward to working with you to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

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