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Free Market Coalition Urges Lawmakers and White House to Reject Healthcare Rate-Setting

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, [the Coalition Against Rate-Setting \(CARS\)](#) rebuked a statement by House Energy and Commerce Committee Republican Leader Greg Walden (R-Ore.), Chairman Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ), House Education and Labor Committee Republican Leader Virginia Foxx (R-NC), Chairman Bobby Scott (D-Va.), Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), and Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-Wash.) that claims to want to find a solution to surprise billing:

“CARS is made up of 34 organizations that strongly oppose any attempt to ‘fix’ surprise billing with harmful government price controls like those in the Senate HELP, House Energy & Commerce, and House Education & Labor bills. The Department of Health and Human Service’s [report](#) released today does not change the fact that each of these proposals would harm patients and doctors during a pandemic.

Doctors and hospital workers are putting their lives on the line every day, yet some in Congress want to see their pay slashed overnight. Members of Congress are concerned about the pressing problem of surprise medical billing, but this pressing problem would be made far worse by bureaucrats setting healthcare prices and putting all the power in the hands of large insurance companies. Patients need choices, not another failed federal foray into healthcare.

Lawmakers and the Trump Administration must continue to do everything they can to help healthcare providers help patients. Enacting rate-setting across the country would short-change the country’s doctors and hospitals and hamstring their efforts to contain the pandemic.”

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The Coalition Against Rate-Setting is an alliance of like-minded organizations that recognizes the perils of bureaucrats setting prices in the American healthcare system.