



March 23, 2021

The Honorable Ted Cruz  
Senator from Texas  
127A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ted Budd  
North Carolina's 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
103 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Cruz and Representative Budd,

On behalf of the 2.3 million members of AMAC – Association of Mature American Citizens, I write to offer our support for S. 155 and H.R. 688, the Equal Access to Care Act. Although the coronavirus has presented Americans with many significant challenges, it has also fostered the use of new and exciting technologies, like telemedicine. As an organization representing mature Americans who are over the age of 50, AMAC knows firsthand the difficulties some of our members encounter when accessing health care. We also understand that many other Americans also experience these difficulties in remote areas throughout our country, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Equal Access to Care Act expands access to telemedicine during the coronavirus emergency by allowing licensed health care providers to treat patients over the phone and online wherever the patient is located. This will allow more patients, including those hardest hit by the coronavirus, to access treatment without leaving their homes, and free up local health care providers to treat patients who require in-person medical care.

Telemedicine has proven to be an effective treatment tool and its increase in utilization throughout the pandemic has been significant. This legislation removes cumbersome bureaucratic processes that will enable more providers to offer more services in more places so Americans, including mature citizens, can receive the care they need without the risk of COVID-19 exposure in a doctor's office or hospital. Thank you, Senators Cruz and Representative Budd, for introducing legislation that delivers health care professionals the capacity they need to treat more patients during the coronavirus crisis. AMAC commends your efforts to increase access to health care and is pleased to offer our organization's full support for the Equal Access to Care Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Carlstrom".

Bob Carlstrom  
President  
AMAC Action