COVID Patient Recovery Alliance Applauds Senators Murray and Burr for Section 301 of Bipartisan "PREVENT Pandemics Act"

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(Washington, D.C.) – The COVID Patient Recovery Alliance, a multi-sector collaboration of leading health care organizations committed to identifying federal policy solutions that help the health care sector respond to long-COVID, applauds U.S. Senators Murray and Burr for the inclusion of Section 301 in their proposed draft bipartisan legislation, the *PREVENT Pandemics Act*. The policies represent continued progress forward in federal policymakers' response to long-COVID and help promote evidence-based guidelines and educational materials, which are essential to increasing awareness of and guiding care for long-COVID symptoms.

The Alliance supports the long-COVID policies in Section 301 in the *PREVENT Pandemics Act*, which aligns with the Alliance's interim recommendations outlined in their September 2021 report. The Alliance understands the need for and value of high-quality, longitudinal data on long-COVID to inform meaningful solutions and has been leveraging members' individual robust data assets and analytic capabilities to coordinate federated studies on long-COVID. The first research findings from the Alliance's federated data analysis were released in December 2021 by an Alliance member, Arcadia.

Section 301 of the PREVENT Pandemics Act would accomplish the following:

- Direct Health and Human Services (HHS) to continue conducting or supporting basic, clinical, epidemiological, behavioral, and translational research on the long-term health effects of SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- Require HHS to develop and inform recommendations, guidance, and provide educational materials for healthcare providers and the public on the long-term effects of SARS-CoV-2 infection based on this research.
- Require HHS to submit a report to Congress with an overview of the research conducted or supported under this section and any relevant findings.

As the pandemic evolves, so too must our efforts to understand the challenges it presents to our nation and our health care system. The provisions included in the *PREVENT Pandemics Act* will help support the work already underway by medical experts and scientists in the public sector to better understand long-COVID.

As the *PREVENT Pandemics Act* advances through the legislative process, the Alliance looks forward to working with Senators Murray and Burr and other members of Congress to advance Section 301 and other long-COVID federal health policies outlined in its report.

About The Alliance

The COVID Patient Recovery Alliance is a multi-disciplinary group of more than 20 leading organizations and individual experts across the health care sector dedicated to helping the health care sector and federal policymakers address the health care challenges faced by individuals with long-COVID. Alliance members are leading health care organizations and include health care providers, health systems, health researchers, health data scientists, health policy experts, consumer advocates, and others.

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