People with Hemophilia and Other Bleeding Disorders Urge their Senators to Support Alexander-Murray Market Stabilization Legislation

Senators Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA) have released bipartisan legislation that seeks to stabilize the individual health insurance market. The National Hemophilia Foundation, Hemophilia Federation of America, Coalition for Hemophilia B, and Hemophilia Alliance – which represent people with hemophilia, von Willebrand Disease, and other bleeding disorders and the hemophilia treatment centers (HTCs) that care for them – are united in supporting this first step in ensuring market stabilization and ask Senators to co-sponsor and support this proposal.

People with hemophilia and other bleeding disorders live with a painful, lifelong, chronic condition that requires expensive medication and specialized care provided by HTCs and other specialists. We support Alexander-Murray, as currently drafted, because it attempts to strengthen the individual insurance market for all Americans, including those with expensive, chronic conditions. In particular, we support this legislation because it:

- Appropriates the cost-sharing reductions (CSR) payments, which are expected to lower premium costs;
- Reinstates funds for outreach and enrollment activities, which will increase enrollment in health insurance; and
- Streamlines the 1332 state waiver process to facilitate state innovation while maintaining patient protections, especially for low-income people and individuals with serious health care conditions.

Our community members will suffer without access to comprehensive, affordable insurance. As a result, we support Alexander-Murray as a critical first step towards stabilizing health insurance markets and ensuring access to care for our patient community. The bleeding disorders community urges Senators to support the Alexander-Murray legislation!