



October 6, 2015

Dear Mr. Dorado:

We are writing this letter on behalf of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities to support the nomination of Henry Claypool to serve as a Commissioner on MACPAC, as put forward by former MACPAC Commissioner Judith Moore.

The Medicaid program is vital to people with disabilities of all types, providing access to a wide range of health services including acute health care, long-term services and supports, prescription drug coverage, durable medical equipment, and assistive devices. MACPAC plays an important role in reviewing Medicaid and CHIP access and payment policies and to advise Congress on issues affecting Medicaid and CHIP. It is critically important that the needs and views of both children and adults with disabilities be represented on MACPAC as it completes its reviews and provides its advice to Congress.

Henry Claypool would be an outstanding Commissioner and is excited to serve on MACPAC. He would provide MACPAC with thorough knowledge of Medicaid policy development and implementation and program operations. In addition, Henry will provide his fellow Commissioners with the perspective of an individual with a disability and a former Medicaid recipient. Mr. Claypool was enrolled in both Medicaid and Medicare following a spinal cord injury that occurred over thirty years ago. He understands how Medicaid rules affect people with disabilities in a way that someone who has never been a recipient cannot. We believe this perspective is essential so that the recommendations of MACPAC ensure that people with disabilities continue to maintain affordable access to the Medicaid health care, services and supports they need to live independently in the community. There is currently no consumer representation on MACPAC. We believe MACPAC needs representation of people with disabilities and Mr. Claypool would do an excellent job of providing it.

Mr. Claypool also has thorough knowledge regarding other Federal programs for people with disabilities, as well as the interaction among and between those programs and the Medicaid program. He has devoted his professional career to ensuring that people with disabilities have access to health care and needed services and supports. He is currently a consultant to the Bipartisan Policy Center on long term care issues and previously served as the Executive Vice-President of the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) where he advocated for improvements to the Medicaid program to better support adults with disabilities. He also served as a disability advisor to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and as Principal Deputy Commissioner of the Administration on Community Living. Mr. Claypool was also appointed by President Obama to serve as a member of the Commission on Long-Term Care created by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012. These appointments reflect his deep knowledge of the Medicaid program, its important role in service delivery for people with disabilities, and

health care policy more generally. His significant experience and expertise on these topics would make him an invaluable addition to the Commission.

Thank you for considering our support for Henry Claypool to serve as a MACPAC commissioner.

Sincerely,

The Advocacy Institute

American Association on Health and Disability

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association

The Arc of the United States

Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs

The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation

Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund

Family Voices

Institute for Educational Leadership

Lutheran Services in America Disability Network

National Council on Aging

National Council for Behavioral Health

National Disability Institute

National Disability Rights Network

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

National Respite Coalition

Parent to Parent USA

Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America

Special Needs Alliance

United Spinal Association