

September 20, 2022

The Honorable Frank Pallone  
Chairman  
House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Pallone and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers:

On behalf of the 162,000 members of the American Dental Association (ADA), we are writing to you in support of H.R. 5141, the Maximizing Outcomes through Better Investments in Lifesaving Equipment (MOBILE) Health Care Act. This legislation would give community health centers more flexibility in using New Access Points grants for mobile health care units. We urge the House Energy and Commerce Committee to favorably report this bipartisan legislation.

As an organization dedicated to improving the oral health of the public, the ADA recognizes the critical role that mobile dental units play in bringing care to underserved areas and populations and promoting oral health equity. Community-based care like mobile units is integral to the ADA's Action for Dental Health (ADH) initiative, which is a national campaign to provide care to people who suffer from untreated dental disease, strengthen and expand the dental safety net, and bring dental disease prevention and education into communities.

We ask the Committee to ensure that mobile dental vans, as well as mobile medical vans, are included in the MOBILE Health Care Act and are eligible to receive the New Access Points grants.

Passage of this legislation will provide expanded flexibility that would allow health centers to use grant funds in the best way possible to reach underserved communities. On behalf of our members and their patients, thank you for your consideration of this important issue. Please contact Ms. Natalie Hales at [halesn@ada.org](mailto:halesn@ada.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,



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