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Health IT Now! Coalition Applauds Representatives Eshoo and Rogers for Introducing Health IT Legislation

Coalition of patients, practitioners and employers urges Congress to pass legislation this year to promote deployment of interoperable health information technology

WASHINGTON – The Health IT Now! Coalition, co-chaired by former Senator John Breaux and former Representative Nancy Johnson, today applauded Representatives Anna Eshoo and Mike Rogers for introducing legislation that will bring health information technology to all Americans.

“We commend the leadership of Representatives Eshoo and Rogers for introducing critical health IT legislation that will save lives, improve patient care and reduce the cost of health care by billions of dollars,” said Breaux.

The proposed House bill adopts several of the Health IT Now! Coalition principles to promote the widespread adoption of health information technology. In particular, the legislation sets a date for establishing interoperability standards, provides grants and loans to providers, empowers public-private partnerships, and codifies aspects of the Health IT effort, thus helping to realize life-saving -- and cost-saving -- advances of modern technology.

“Americans have waited too long for the benefits of Health IT,” Breaux continued. “Leaders in the House, Senate and the administration must work together to seize this unique opportunity and pass health IT legislation this year.”

Visit www.healthITnow.org to learn more about the coalition, its principles and its membership.
Members include:

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