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The Honorable Jodey Arrington
Chairman, House Budget Committee
204 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Community Oncology Alliance Support of The Dr. Michael C. Burgess
Preventative Health Savings Act (H.R. 766)**

Dear Chairman Arrington:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Community Oncology Alliance (“COA”), we applaud the House Budget Committee for advancing *The Dr. Michael C. Burgess Preventative Health Savings Act (H.R. 766)* to a floor vote of this important bipartisan legislation sponsored by Congressman Dr. Burgess with Congresswoman Diana DeGette.

As you know, COA is an organization dedicated to advocating for the complex care and access needs of patients with cancer and the community oncology practices that serve them. COA is the only non-profit organization in the United States dedicated solely to independent community oncology practices, which serve the majority of Americans receiving treatment for cancer. Since its grassroots founding over 20 years ago, COA’s mission has been to ensure that patients with cancer receive quality, affordable, and accessible cancer care in their own communities where they live and work, regardless of their racial, ethnic, demographic, or socioeconomic status.

The limitation of the 10-year scoring window is a severe obstacle to realizing the savings from preventive health care legislation. It is unrealistic to expect that many, if not most, preventative health care initiatives can return positive savings by 10 years. As a result of the current scoring mandate on the Congressional Budget Office, many, if not most, preventative health care initiatives are not implemented because of funding constraints.

With cancer, we have more effective treatments, but it is essential that we look for ways of preventing this disease that impacts so many Americans. Unfortunately, artificial scoring mandates undermine the adoption of preventive care initiatives. **As a result, COA supports the passage of H.R. 766, and we greatly appreciate your work and that of your staff in the landmark advancement of this legislation out of your committee.**

Sincerely,

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