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Washington, D.C. – *Coalition for Health Funding Executive Director Angela Ostrom issued the following statement in advance of Congressional action on the third supplemental package to address the public health crisis caused by COVID-19:*

The Coalition for Health Funding applauds Congress for its bipartisan leadership in the development of a third emergency supplemental package to address the ongoing impact of the coronavirus on the United States. The funding included in this legislation is a positive step in our efforts to ensure that our health care system and our providers on the front lines have the tools necessary to protect the health and well-being of Americans.

The legislation includes critical investments for agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services, is needed to support the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, and other agencies leading the way in the fight against the spread of COVID-19.

Additionally, by including funding for programs like Suicide Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Emergency Response Grants, Family Violence Prevention and Services, Special Diabetes Program, Head Start, and supports for individuals with disabilities and those who care for them; the most recent supplemental acknowledges the wide-ranging health impact an outbreak of this magnitude has beyond the virus itself. We commend Congress for taking this approach.

Health security is national security. The Coalition for Health Funding calls on Congress to pass, and President Donald Trump to quickly sign this bill into law.

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