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Mariann Yeager, Chief Executive Officer, The Sequoia Project
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Re: In Support of Vendor-Agnostic Trusted Exchange

Dear Dr. Keane, Mariann, and Lee:

We are writing to voice our support for the continued success and further maturity of vendor-agnostic national data sharing exchange frameworks and networks. We join our fellow providers in voicing the benefits of interoperability and constructively considering actions that could be taken as a community to support nationwide interoperability in line with information sharing principles and best privacy and security practices.

As you know, data sharing under the national frameworks is optional and supported by non-profit organizations, like The Sequoia Project, and others whose interests lie in advancing technology-agnostic solutions and standards for advancing whole person care. Technology-agnostic solutions are particularly important in the health care space, where open, competitive markets and sustained innovation depend on interoperability frameworks that do not privilege specific technologies or architectures as gatekeepers of electronic health information.

We write to affirm that the fundamental underpinnings of nationwide health information exchange (*e.g.*, data privacy, security, and interoperability) should not be used to advance commercial interests at the expense of patients and health care providers. These actions risk undermining the efforts that have been made over the last three decades to make nationwide interoperability a reality.

Furthermore, we are concerned recent events circumvent the established processes that have been agreed to by all relevant parties of the trust agreements underlying Carequality and TEFCA. In turn, allegations of fraud and abuse concerning conduct purportedly occurring within the national frameworks have, rightly or wrongly, unsettled provider trust.

Accordingly, continued strong leadership and transparency is needed to discuss the issues currently facing the national frameworks. All engaged parties must come together as a community to advance common sense rules of the roads for managing onboarding, continued monitoring, compliance, and dispute resolution. We, as the undersigned, remain committed to engaging in ongoing dialogue with The Sequoia Project to ensure all parties play a part in enhancing transparency, effective governance, and trust.

We appreciate The Sequoia Project and Carequality's continued leadership in advancing nationwide interoperability. Nationwide trusted data exchange requires all parties to come to the table with

constructive and actionable recommendations to achieve our shared goals. We look forward to working with you to accomplish that vision.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Pediatrics
American College of Physicians
American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)
American Medical Association (AMA)
American Nurses Association
American Osteopathic Association
Evergreen Nephrology
Medical Group Management Association
Perfecting Peds
Zus Health