September 5, 2019

Representative Donald Payne  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

I am writing on behalf of The Center for Nutrition Advocacy (CNA) in support of House Resolution 117, which expresses support for health and wellness coaches and the work they do to make America healthier.

CNA is an initiative of the Board for Certification of Nutrition Specialists℠ (BCNS℠), the foremost certifying body for advanced nutrition professionals. We spearhead a broad coalition of nutrition stakeholders including educational institutions, professional associations, consumer advocacy groups, and other organizations. Our mission is to advance the pivotal role of nutrition in healthcare through forward-thinking public and private policy.

We envision a healthcare system that transforms the health of Americans by creating opportunities for diverse nutrition providers to practice to the level of their training. It is important that our system provides consumers equitable and affordable access to the nutrition practitioner of their choice.

We support House Resolution 117 as an important recognition of the work that health and wellness coaches do in motivating individuals toward positive health choices and health outcomes. These professionals provide meaningful and cost-effective services to Americans throughout our country.

Thank you for sponsoring this resolution. CNA welcomes collaboration with legislators and organizational stakeholders seeking to promote nutrition-based solutions to today’s challenging health and healthcare environment.

Sincerely,

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