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The Honorable John Joyce, MD
U.S. House of Representatives
2102 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kim Schrier, MD
U.S. House of Representatives
1110 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Joyce and Schrier:

On behalf of the American College of Cardiology (ACC), I am writing to express our strong support for the **Access to Claims Data Act**. This bipartisan legislation represents a critical step toward improving patient outcomes, advancing quality care, and supporting data-driven research by allowing clinician-led registries better access to federal health plan claims data.

For more than 25 years, ACC's National Cardiovascular Data Registry (NCDR) has served as the gold standard for improving cardiovascular care through real-world evidence, benchmarking, and outcomes research. However, the registry's ability to fully evaluate long-term patient outcomes and treatment effectiveness is hampered by current regulatory limitations that restrict access to comprehensive claims data. These barriers not only limit the scope of quality improvement and patient safety initiatives but also run counter to the intent of federal statutes, such as the *Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA)* and the *21st Century Cures Act*.

Your legislation would empower clinician-led registries, such as the NCDR, by requiring the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a process that allows these registries to regularly and securely access claims data from Medicare, Medicaid, and the State Children's Health Insurance Program. The bill appropriately removes unnecessary administrative and cost barriers while ensuring access to these data at a reasonable fee and without the need for registries to qualify as quasi-qualified entities.

The ACC thanks you for your leadership on this important issue. We look forward to working with you to urge the swift passage of the Access to Claims Data Act, ensuring that clinician-led registries have the necessary tools to advance quality, safety, and value for patients nationwide.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Kramer, MD, FACC
President
American College of Cardiology

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