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Hon. Cheri Bustos
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Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Cathy McMorris Rodgers
US House of Representatives
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Hon. James McGovern
US House of Representatives
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Hon. Tom Cole
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LexisNexis Risk Solutions applauds and supports your introduction of the Social Determinants Accelerator Act. Your important legislation provides states and their communities with needed help toward the creation of Social Determinants Accelerator Plans in an effort to leverage evidence-based approaches to coordinate services and improve outcomes and cost-effectiveness.

LexisNexis Risk Solutions and its parent company, RELX, employ nearly 15,000 people in the United States and are dedicated to helping our customers make better decisions, achieve better results and be more productive. In particular, our health care solutions division empowers both provider and payer entities to improve health outcomes through technology-enabled analytics solutions. A core facet of our mission is equipping our customers with workflow-imbedded information to drive better health outcomes and create healthier communities.

At LexisNexis we recognize that traditionally underappreciated characteristics of a patient's life play an outsized role on their overall health. Moreover, we believe that careful consideration of these untraditional aspects may be a key driver toward improved patient outcomes. Over the past five years, we have collaborated extensively with health care organizations to develop clinically validated solutions that consider social influences affecting their patients' health. These models allow providers and payers to identify non-clinical challenges that create barriers to achieving the best health outcome possible for their patients. Addressing these challenges through additional resources and support services can improve outcomes and reduce cost.

We appreciate that your legislation directs the Secretary of Health & Human Services to convene an inter-agency technical advisory council on social determinants of health, and to include experts from the private sector. While there is a great deal of promise in leveraging social determinants of health information, a robust discussion is needed regarding what and how information should be leveraged and what ethical considerations should be accounted for in the process. LexisNexis has worked with the eHealth Initiative to produce the [Guiding Principles for Ethical Use of Social Determinants of Health Data](#), a document designed to address this topic, and we welcome the opportunity to further the conversation in the context of the technical advisory council your bill creates.

Accounting for all aspects of a patients' health, including those not traditionally weighed, has the power accelerate improved health outcomes. We thank you for introducing sensible legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Rivas".

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