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The Honorable David Trone
2404 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 205105

The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick
271 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: *Support for the* Telehealth Response for E-prescribing Addiction Therapy Services (TREATS) Act

Dear Reps. David Trone and Brian Fitzpatrick

On behalf of OCHIN, I offer strong support for HR 5163.

OCHIN is a [national nonprofit health information technology and research network](#) that offers technology solutions, informatics, evidence-based research, and policy insights. OCHIN serves nearly 2,000 community health care sites with 25,000 providers in 40 states, reaching more than 8 million patients. For over two decades, OCHIN has advanced health care solutions by leveraging the strength of our network's unique data set and the practical experience of our members to drive technology innovation for patients and providers in rural and other underserved communities.

Overcoming the addiction crisis impacting communities across the country and requires utilizing all resources including technology to provide treatment for those suffering from addiction. OCHIN strongly supports the TREATS Act and enabling health care providers to prescribe Food and Drug Administration approved controlled substances via telehealth to improve access to treatment to reduce the burgeoning opioid and fentanyl addiction impacting communities, families and individuals.

Thank you for your leadership. Please contact me at stollj@ochin.org if we can provide any additional information to support your efforts/if you have any questions/if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Stoll".

Jennifer Stoll
Executive Vice President
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