November 1, 2019

The Honorable Jacky Rosen
United States Senate
144 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC  20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
United States Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC  20510

Dear Senators Rosen and Murkowski:

On behalf of our nearly 38 million members and all older Americans nationwide, AARP is pleased to endorse the bipartisan Provider Training in Palliative Care Act (S. 1921) that would include palliative care as an eligible primary health service under the National Health Service Corps. We appreciate your work to expand access to palliative care.

Palliative care aims to improve quality of life for people living with serious illness and their families by focusing on providing relief from symptoms and stress of the illness. Individuals may receive palliative care and curative care at any stage of an illness. Palliative care can help relieve the pain caused by serious illness. Too often, individuals who could benefit from palliative care may not have access to it. AARP supports improved access to palliative care services in all settings. Your bill would help support the education and training of health professionals in palliative care and its provision in underserved areas.

Thank you again for your efforts on this important issue. We look forward to working with you on this and other issues important to older adults and their families. If you have any questions, please contact me, or have your staff contact Rhonda Richards of our Government Affairs team at rrichards@aarp.org or 202-434-3770.

Sincerely,

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