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Dear Fellow Texans:

Thank you for taking the time to recognize the importance of community health centers during National Health Center Week.

Like you, I am a strong supporter of the innovative, inclusive, and cost-effective care provided by the thousands of community health care centers across the nation. Their unique model, typified by patients comprising more than half of each center's Board of Directors, ensures that patient needs are recognized and prioritized. As health care costs continue to rise community health centers continue to provide quality, patient-driven health care to Americans of all means.

In Texas, community health centers serve more than one million patients each year, and employ thousands of qualified health care professionals. They provide care in 122 counties, working to keep all corners of Texas, from the Panhandle to the Valley, healthy.

As a founding member of the Senate Community Health Center Caucus, I am proud to educate my colleagues on community health care center services, patients, and employees, and explain the many benefits of these centers to their community and to the nation. I take great pride in this caucus and in the many community health centers in Texas, and I will continue to advocate for their quality services in the United States Senate.

Thank you for your support of health centers and for your efforts on their behalf. God Bless you all, and may God continue to Bless the great state of Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Cornyn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "C".

JOHN CORNYN
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