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Cover Georgia Coalition Applauds New Health Coverage Commission Appointments

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The Cover Georgia coalition applauds the appointments made by Governor Kemp and legislative leaders to the Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission. Established by HB 1339, the Commission will spend the next 18 months advising state leaders and policy makers about issues related to access and quality of health care for low-income and uninsured Georgians. The Cover Georgia coalition looks forward to the Commission's work to study opportunities and find solutions that improve the health and well-being of all Georgians, particularly those with limited resources.

With such experienced and diverse members, the Cover Georgia coalition is confident that the Commission will carry out a community-driven process that engages the Georgians at the center of their charges.

"We stand ready to support the Commission in connecting with and hearing from low-income and uninsured individuals and families across the state through public-facing meetings and community input sessions," said Georgians for a Healthy Future Executive Director Laura Colbert. "Hearing the voices of those directly impacted is an essential component of developing relevant findings and recommendations to share with state leaders."

Through a community-focused process, Cover Georgia coalition partners anticipate that Commission members will hear from Georgians about one of the largest holes in Georgia's health care system: the state's health insurance coverage gap. This gap leaves

thousands of low-income adults uninsured without any options for affordable, quality health coverage.

The Cover Georgia coalition is heartened by the opportunity that the Commission and its work present to work together towards a brighter future when all Georgians have quality, affordable health coverage and access to care.

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Georgians for a Healthy Future collaborates with communities and partners to lead policy change that advances health equity for all Georgians. Our vision is of a day in which all Georgians have equitable opportunities to achieve their highest level of health. We do this by delivering actionable health policy information to policymakers and advocates; providing resources to help consumers become strong advocates, and elevating the consumer experience to inform policy change. Read more at healthyfuturerega.org

Cover Georgia is a broad coalition of community stakeholders and advocates working to ensure health coverage for ALL Georgians. Our campaign aims to close Georgia's health insurance coverage gap to cover low-income Georgians as envisioned by the Affordable Care Act. Members of Cover Georgia engage in advocacy, share personal stories, and work to influence policy changes to expand access to health care for those who need it most. For more information, <u>visit coverga.org.</u>

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