



Alliance for Women's
Health & Prevention

The Honorable Bill Cassidy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Cassidy,

As the CEO of the Alliance for Women's Health and Prevention (AWHP), I am writing to **thank you for your efforts to expand access to care for obesity treatments through the reintroduction of the Treat and Reduce Obesity Act**, also known as TROA. If implemented, TROA would close a critical access gap for millions of older Americans by providing Medicare coverage for obesity care. This change would be a positive step forward in treating obesity as the serious and chronic disease that it is.

As an organization focused on women's preventive health, AWHP believes that access to obesity care is a critically important women's health issue. Obesity is a chronic disease taking a toll on women nationwide. Approximately [1 in 3 American women](#) are affected with obesity, with a [disproportionate impact](#) on women of color. The disease is also [associated with over 200 health complications](#), including many that specifically affect women, such as [breast and ovarian cancers](#).

Obesity continues to be a major challenge for women across the country, and to combat this epidemic, patients need access to every tool in the obesity care toolbox, from behavioral counseling and nutrition services to surgery and FDA-approved medications. Expanding insurance coverage of evidence-based, comprehensive obesity care is imperative, and passing TROA would be a significant step towards achieving this goal for the approximately [3.4 million](#) Medicare beneficiaries living with obesity.

As you continue your efforts to improve access to obesity care for individuals across the country, we respectfully encourage you to also support Administrative action to expand Medicare and Medicaid coverage of obesity care through CMS (as was proposed last year by the agency). We must continue to pursue all policy avenues to ensure Americans living with obesity are treated fairly and able to get the evidence-based care they need and deserve.

As the lead convenor of the [EveryBODY Covered campaign](#), a national effort of 30+ health care advocacy organizations working to improve coverage for obesity care, AWHP stands ready to work with you on this critical women's health issue.

Respectfully,

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