WASHINGTON, D.C. – Coalition for Health Funding Executive Director Angela Ostrom issued the following statement in response to the passage of S. 3547, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act:

The Coalition for Health Funding thanks Congress and the Trump administration for the passage of the third package to address the crisis caused by COVID-19. The inclusion of $80 billion for the FDA, $4.3 billion for the CDC, $945 million for the NIH, and $16 billion for the Strategic National Stockpile, and other important funding allocations, will be critical to assisting our health care providers on the front lines, aiding the development of treatments and vaccines, and ensuring that adequate testing is available.

The Coalition will be carefully monitoring the implementation of the CARES Act, and calls on Congress and the White House to continue to be responsive to, and swiftly address the needs of, the public health system during this unprecedented time.

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