SAMPLE EMAIL TO CITY COUNCIL

Dear Chairman Mendelson and Members of the DC Council,

I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, nurse practitioner. I provide [*type of health care*] to DC residents in [*type of setting*]. I am writing in support of the **Telehealth Reimbursement Amendment Act of 2020**offered by Council Member Gray. The Act would allow continued reimbursement of audio-only telehealth services that are essential to providing equity access to care for DC residents. I urge you to include it in the Budget Support Act to be voted on July 28th.

Many of our patients do not have access to internet, devices, or data plans required for video visits. These are the same patients most vulnerable to COVID and other illnesses that require regular connection to a trusted health care provider. [ *Add something about your experience with telemedicine*]

We expect continued disruption in our patients' ability, willingness, and need to visit their health care providers for in-person care for many months. Some patients prefer the audio-only mode of care, and it is effectively meeting their needs.   A Department of Healthcare Finance analysis indicates the visits will NOT result in additional costs to the agency.

In the interest of equity access and effective care for all our patients, we urge support for audio-only telehealth.

Sincerely,

Home address if you live in DC or work address if you work in DC

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