

“With the recent introduction of the Viral Hepatitis Action Plan from the Department of Health and Human Services, our government made an unprecedented commitment to advance and integrate national efforts on hepatitis. This action plan, along with today’s Presidential proclamation, is a clear signal that this Administration is serious about the threat posed by viral hepatitis. I have worked for many years to bring the issue of viral hepatitis to the forefront. As the lead sponsor of several pieces of hepatitis legislation in current and recent Congresses, today holds special significance in light of the Administration’s recent efforts. Today, we sound the alarm – louder than ever before – on this silent killer. Today, we recognize the over five million Americans who suffer from viral hepatitis and give them hope. Today, we take another concrete step to break the silence and begin to fight back. Today, we celebrate World Hepatitis Day.”