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**State Representative Nicholas Duran Writes Letter
Urging Congress to Expand Medicaid**

Miami, FL – Representative Nicholas X. Duran (D-Miami) sent a letter signed by the majority of the Florida House Democratic Caucus to members of Congress today, appealing for the inclusion of Medicaid expansion in the “Build Back Better” reconciliation bill. It was sent to the Florida Congressional Democrats, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senator Chuck Schumer, Sen. Ron Wyden - Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Senator Patty Murray – Chair of the Senate Health Committee, Congressman Richard Neal – Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, Congressman Frank Pallone - Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

In the letter, **Representative Duran** says, “With over 1.5 million low-income uninsured Floridians – the majority of whom are people of color – it is a moral imperative that Congress approves a comprehensive and permanent fix to the Medicaid coverage gap in the “Build Back Better” reconciliation bill. If the program were expanded in the state of Florida, without restrictions, the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) estimates that 805,000 uninsured Floridians would gain access to health insurance. Medicaid expansion delivers affordable and equitable health care coverage with life-saving benefits to low-income residents and communities of color across the state of Florida. The time to act is now.”

Full Letter Attached.

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