Our organizations call for Congressional action to ensure individuals who require supplemental oxygen have access to medically appropriate oxygen. Below are our consensus principles for legislative reform:

**Four Pillars for Oxygen Reform**

1. Ensure supplemental oxygen is patient-centric
   - Change “home oxygen” to “supplemental oxygen” to ensure people requiring oxygen can live full lives outside their primary residence
   - Create a patients’ bill of rights to ensure care is focused on patient needs

2. Ensure access to liquid oxygen for patients for whom it is medically necessary

3. Create a statutory service element to provide adequate reimbursement for respiratory therapists to ensure patients have access to their expertise

4. To ensure predictable and adequate reimbursement and to protect against fraud and abuse, establish national standardized documentation requirements that rely upon a template rather than prescriber medical records to support claims for supplemental oxygen suppliers.

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COPD Foundation
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Dorney-Koppel Foundation
Hawaii COPD Coalition
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