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# Senate Democratic Leader Gloria Butler Announces Appointment to Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission

ATLANTA (July 2, 2024) – Sen. Gloria Butler (D–Stone Mountain) announces the appointment of Dr. Harry J. Heiman to the Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission. This commission will play a crucial role in advising the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Department of Community Health on issues related to access and quality of healthcare for Georgia’s low-income and uninsured populations.

“Dr. Heiman’s extensive clinical practice and health policy background makes him an ideal appointee to the Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission,” said Leader Butler. “His expertise will be invaluable in helping Georgia follow the 40 other states that have closed their coverage gap by expanding access for uninsured and underinsured populations.”

Dr. Harry J. Heiman is a clinical professor in the Department of Health Policy and Behavioral Sciences at Georgia State University’s School of Public Health. With over 20 years of clinical practice experience and extensive expertise in health policy, he has previously served as director of the Division of Health Policy at the Morehouse School of Medicine’s Satcher Health Leadership Institute.

A Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, Dr. Heiman holds a medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and a Master’s in Public Health from Emory University’s Rollins School of Public Health. His career includes a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation health policy fellowship in Washington, D.C., and committee staff service for the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Dr. Heiman’s work centers on health policy, equity and health system transformation. He has served on the Southeastern Health Equity Council and is a board member and former chair of Georgians for a Healthy Future.

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