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President and CEO

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The Honorable Tom Cole
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jim McGovern
307 Cannon House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member McGovern,

The Federation of American Hospitals (FAH) is pleased to support Proposed Amendment 204 to the *Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act* (H.R. 5894).

The FAH is the national representative of more than 1,000 tax-paying community hospitals and health systems throughout the United States. FAH members provide patients and communities with access to high-quality, affordable care in both urban and rural areas across 46 states, plus Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico. Our members include teaching, acute, inpatient rehabilitation, behavioral health, and long-term care hospitals and provide a wide range of inpatient, ambulatory, post-acute, emergency, children's, and cancer services.

As Congress debates government funding, it is critical that patients continue to have access to quality care. We urge you to adopt Proposed Amendment 204 to protect the ability of states and hospitals to contribute to the health care safety net. The amendment creates an imperative safeguard that would prevent CMS from using federal funds to implement burdensome limitations on provider assessments and state expenditure limits on directed payments.

We appreciate your support for local hospitals and the patients we serve. If you have any questions or would like to discuss our support of the legislation further, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of my staff at (202) 624-1534.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Kahn III".