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The Honorable Josh Hawley
United States Senate
115 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Hawley and Wyden,

On behalf of the more than 1,000 leading tax-paying hospitals and health systems we represent throughout the United States, the Federation of American Hospitals (FAH) strongly supports bipartisan amendment number *1989* to *H. Con. Res. 14*, that would strike section *2001(b)(4)* relating to reconciliation instructions to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives that would require deep cuts to the Medicaid program that serves over 70 million seniors, children and hardworking families. **FAH urges Senators to vote YES on amendment 1989 and reject cuts to Medicaid that threaten access to 24/7 hospital care for the most vulnerable Americans.**

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. These tax-paying hospitals account for nearly 20% of U.S. hospitals and serve their communities proudly while providing high-quality health care to their patients.

For many with Medicaid coverage, it is their sole health coverage option and the gateway to accessing health care services and ensuring their well-being. Compared to uninsured individuals, Americans on Medicaid are more likely to use preventive care, have a primary care provider, and receive regular care for chronic conditions, helping to avoid costly emergency hospitalizations and lowering health care costs for everyone. In contrast, uninsured patients often delay seeking care, leading to more severe and expensive health issues, ending up in hospital emergency rooms, and increasing uncompensated care costs – further straining the health care system.

We thank you for your leadership on this critical issue and urge Senators to support this amendment. If you have any questions or if FAH can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate

to contact me at cmacdonald@fah.org. We look forward to continuing to work together in support of patients' access to care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'C. MacDonald', written in a cursive style.