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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
United States Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senate
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Murkowski and Shaheen,

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 1602 to *H. Con. Res. 14*, establishing a deficit-neutral reserve fund related to extending vital enhanced Premium Tax Credits (PTCs) available to consumers purchasing health coverage in the individual market. **FAH urges Senators to vote YES on amendment 1602 to support extending vital health care tax credits that nearly 20 million Americans depend on to afford their health coverage.**

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.

The enhanced premium tax credits, which are set to expire this year, have saved Americans an average of \$700 annually. On average, premiums will increase 93% if the PTCs expire, and an estimated 5 million Americans will lose health coverage entirely, including nearly two million people with chronic conditions. Without intervention, many families would face significant financial burdens and potential loss of coverage.

We urge Senators to extend the premium tax credits before they expire to maintain health care access and affordability across the country. 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 read "Charlene MacDonald", is written below the word "Sincerely,".