

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 19, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Democratic Leader Jeffries:

We write to ask you to prevent reductions to the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program, which are scheduled to take effect on October 1, 2025. The Medicaid DSH program is a vital resource for hospitals treating low-income patients in our communities. The funds are used to support critical hospital services in both rural and urban areas of the country, including burn and trauma unit services and maternal and child health care.

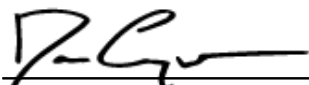
The Medicaid DSH program was established to ensure that hospitals which serve the nation's most vulnerable, including children, the elderly and the disabled, would have the essential financial assistance available to continue their commitment to our communities. Medicaid DSH payments are used to help offset underpayments and uncompensated care to those facilities that qualify for the program. These payments are capped through annual state allotments as well as hospital-specific limits.

Under current statute, the Medicaid DSH program will be reduced by \$8 billion in FY 2026. Cuts of this magnitude would decimate the program, reducing the size of the annual allocation by more than half. Our hospitals are already under increasing financial strain, and reductions of this size would push vulnerable rural and other safety net hospitals—and the patients they serve—into peril.

Congress has prevented these cuts from going into effect in many prior years, recognizing importance of maintaining Medicaid DSH payments. We encourage you and all our colleagues to once again act to ensure hospital payments are not reduced at a time of financial uncertainty for the nation's hospitals.

We look forward to working with you to ensure our hospitals can continue to provide care for the most vulnerable among us.

Sincerely,



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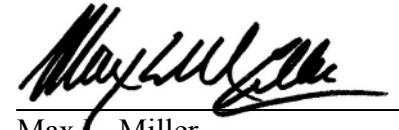
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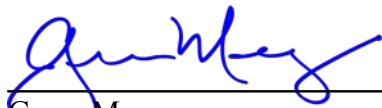
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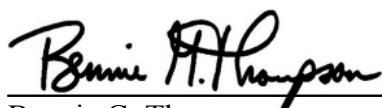
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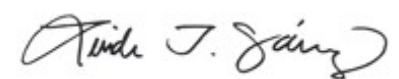
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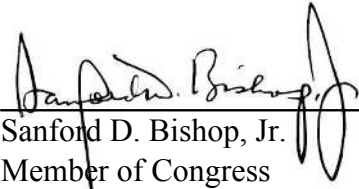
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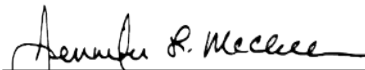
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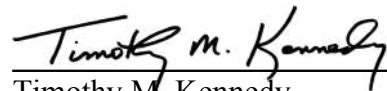
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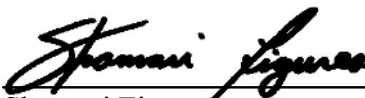
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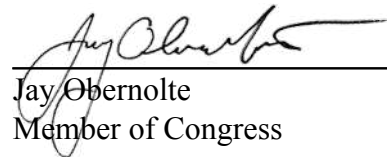
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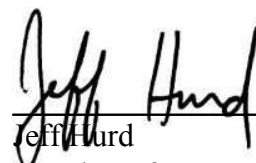
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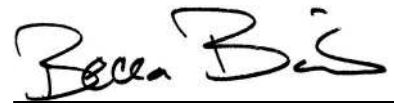
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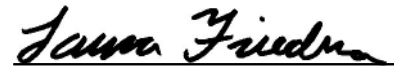
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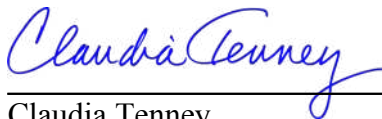
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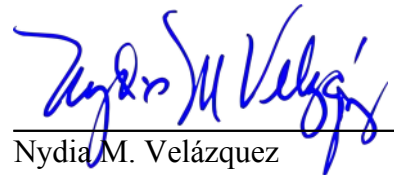
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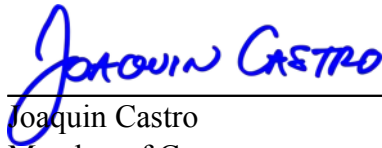
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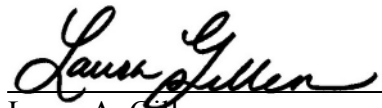
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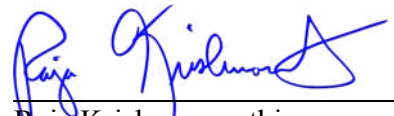
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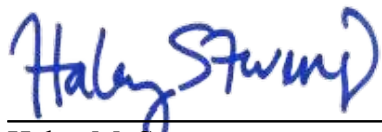
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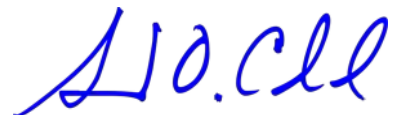
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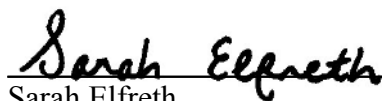
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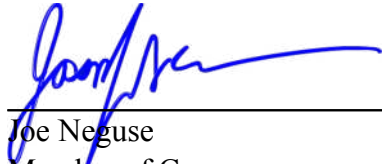
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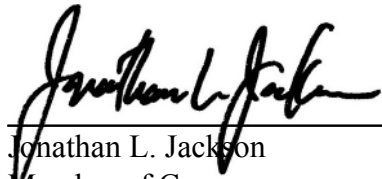
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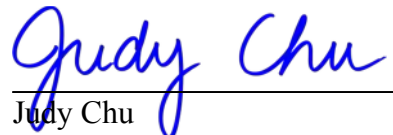
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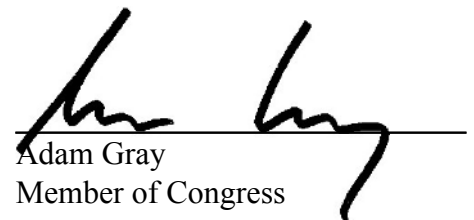
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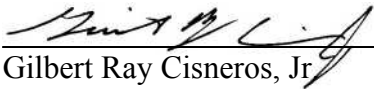
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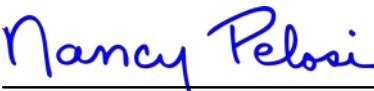
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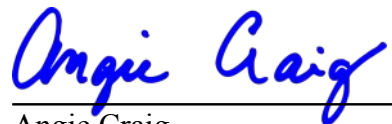
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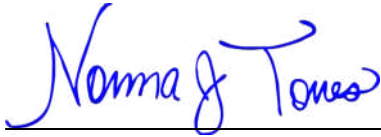
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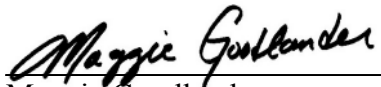
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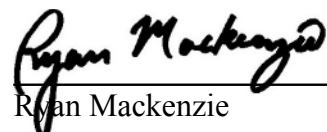
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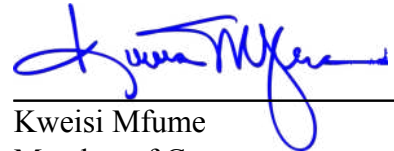
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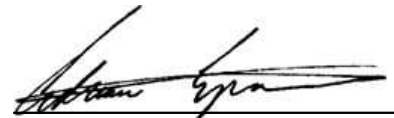
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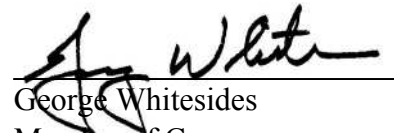
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