

## AMERICA'S HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS

March 25, 2015

United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Member of Congress:

As organizations representing hospitals and health systems across the country, we are writing to express our support for H.R. 2, the “Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015,” a bipartisan compromise to permanently resolve the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR). H.R. 2 will move physicians toward payment based on value rather than volume, a change that has been led by hospitals.

For too long, the annual effort of “patching” the SGR has resulted in postponement of a sustainable and predictable remedy, escalating the budgetary cost of an eventual solution and resulting in significant and damaging Medicare and Medicaid cuts to hospitals. While the legislation produced in the House is not perfect, it provides a balanced approach to addressing the SGR.

We appreciate the effort that has been put forth in crafting this legislation. Eliminating planned cuts to physicians in Medicare will ensure access to care for our nation’s Medicare beneficiaries.

We urge you to support H.R. 2.

Sincerely,

America’s Essential Hospitals  
American Hospital Association  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Catholic Health Association of the United States  
Children’s Hospital Association  
Federation of American Hospitals  
National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems  
Premier healthcare alliance  
VHA Inc