



Charles N. Kahn III
President

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Capitol Building, H-232
Washington, DC 20151

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

On behalf of the Federation of American Hospitals (FAH) and our more than 1,000 hospitals throughout the United States, I express our strong support for health reform – both the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (H.R. 3590) and the Reconciliation Act of 2010. This legislation is long overdue, and we urge all Members of Congress to vote for health reform.

The hundreds of thousands of Americans who treat patients in our hospitals understand the plight of the uninsured and the need to provide health security for all Americans. These bills advance our shared goal of securing their health coverage.

Equally vital, they provide a framework for health care delivery reform that will improve health care for Americans, and, by extension, strengthen our economy and global competitiveness by reducing costs and increasing efficiency.

This is why hospitals will forgo \$155 billion in Medicare and Medicaid payment over 10 years as part of a shared sacrifice to bring about the benefits that health reform will deliver to all Americans.

It is no exaggeration to say this is the last opportunity in our generation to bring about durable reform that will bring health security to Americans and make a real difference in the lives of all of us. The time for action has come, and the FAH urges all Members of Congress to support this health reform legislation.

Thank you for your strong and unwavering leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Kahn III", written over a horizontal line.