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**Do Not Cut Medicare Payments to Urban Safety-Net Hospitals to Pay  
for the Budget Agreement or Debt Ceiling Solution**

Dear Congressman Thompson:

The National Association of Urban Hospitals understands that congressional leaders and the White House are close to a two-year budget agreement and a solution to the current federal debt ceiling problem.

While we appreciate the significance of both and support solutions to these challenges, the nation's private, non-profit urban safety-net hospitals oppose any Medicare cuts to help pay for these agreements.

These hospitals, and others like them, have long provided an important health care safety-net for the communities they serve. To ensure their continued ability to provide this safety net, we urge you not to cut Medicare payments to urban safety-net hospitals to help pay for the budget and debt ceiling agreements.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and welcome any questions you may have about it.

Sincerely,

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