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Please Sign Onto the Schiff-Nunes Medicare DSH Cuts Delay Letter

Dear Rep. King:

Affordable Care Act-mandated cuts in Medicare disproportionate share hospital payments (Medicare DSH) are hurting private, non-profit urban safety-net hospitals and other providers like them that care for especially large numbers of low-income, low-income elderly, and uninsured patients. Many hospitals are already struggling to accommodate the \$270 billion in Medicare payment cuts imposed on them in recent years, and as they work to accommodate these cuts, they need protection from additional reductions like cuts in their essential Medicare DSH payments.

Two of your colleagues, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) and Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA), are circulating a letter to be sent to House Speaker John Boehner and minority leader Nancy Pelosi asking them to bring legislation to the House floor to require a delay in future Medicare DSH payment cuts. There is precedent for such a delay: Congress has now voted twice to delay similar Medicaid DSH cuts for three years.

The National Association of Urban Hospitals encourages you to sign onto this bipartisan letter. You can do so by contacting [Andrew House](#) (in Rep. Nunes' office) or [Dao Nguyen](#) (of Rep. Schiff's staff) to sign on. The letter closes on Thursday, so please act today.

Mission-driven private, non-profit urban safety-net hospitals and others are committed to serving their communities, and especially residents of those communities in need, and they need your help to ensure that they have the resources to do so. Delaying future cuts in vital Medicare DSH payments is essential, and we hope you will help us gain this much-needed delay.

Sincerely,

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