

April 23, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, Minority Leader McCarthy, and Minority Leader Schumer:

Thank you.

Thank you for your swift and timely work in enacting H.R. 266 to address the COVID-19 crisis, which includes \$75 billion in supplemental funding for health care providers and \$25 billion for testing. The nation's private safety-net hospitals are most grateful for your efforts.

We appreciate your recognition of the enormity of this health care crisis and we are grateful that you have directed valuable resources to health care providers so that we can give our communities the care they require. The coronavirus and the economic downturn have placed the low-income, medically vulnerable communities which private safety-net hospitals serve in a more precarious position than ever, but because of your commitment and leadership we are able to continue to care for those who need us. We are grateful for all you have done and we are grateful to know that you will continue to be our partners as we persevere to fulfill our missions.

Again, our heartfelt thanks for everything you have done and continue to do to enable us to care for our patients, and your constituents, during these extraordinary times.

Sincerely,

Ellen J. Kugler  
Executive Director

cc: Leaders of the House Ways and Means Committee  
Leaders of the House Energy and Commerce Committee  
Leaders of the Senate Finance Committee

