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Thank You for Preserving Medicaid DSH By Voting for the Continuing Resolution

Dear Speaker McCarthy:

I am writing on behalf of the Alliance of Safety-Net Hospitals to thank you for voting for the Continuing Resolution to fund the federal government through November 17. We are pleased that this will enable us to continue to provide uninterrupted care to the generally low-income, disadvantaged, and diverse communities served by safety-net hospitals across the country.

We are especially pleased that the Continuing Resolution delays an \$8 billion a year reduction of Medicaid disproportionate share hospital payments (Medicaid DSH) that was scheduled to take effect on October 1. Community safety-net hospitals are the primary providers of care for many uninsured, under-insured, low-income, and Medicare- and Medicaid-dependent Americans and these hospitals rely heavily on Medicaid DSH for support in providing that care. Medicaid DSH payments are essential for their survival.

We also appreciate that the Continuing Resolution temporarily sustains other programs that are vital to the health care safety net, including community health centers, the National Health Services Corps, and two special diabetes programs.

Again, our thanks for voting to support the Continuing Resolution and, in so doing, conveying your support for a major part of the American health care safety net. We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that future federal funding legislation preserves important programs like Medicaid DSH.

Sincerely,

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