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Dear Member of Congress:

We are writing in regard to the ongoing debate over the future of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). We understand the ACA needs change and hospitals and health systems have offered solutions to fix it, and we are committed to working with you on legislation that maintains coverage and improves America's health care system through patient-centered care. Our shared goal is to ensure continued high-quality health care for our patients in urban and rural communities alike.

As organizations representing hospitals and health systems that provide the entire continuum of care from acute to post-acute care, we would like to outline our top priorities as you deliberate the future of the ACA:

- If the ACA is to be repealed, the potential repeal and replace should be done simultaneously, and ensure that the 22 million people receiving coverage continue to receive adequate coverage;
- If repeal and replace cannot be accomplished simultaneously, the reductions to hospitals and health systems included in the ACA should be restored to ensure there are sufficient resources to provide care to the uninsured;
- Further reductions to hospitals and health systems should not be considered during either reconciliation or the replace debate;
- Any Medicaid restructuring should continue the federal-state partnership that ensures beneficiaries and providers continue to have access to high-quality health care coverage, provides sufficient funding, and treats expansion and non-expansion states in an equitable manner;
- Significant regulatory reform to address the burden faced by hospitals and health systems needs to be implemented by both the legislative and executive branches; and



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- Continued efforts to improve the health care system and make care more affordable should be supported by moving to fee-for-value based payment that provides incentives for clinically integrated coordinated care.

We look forward to working with you as the debate over the ACA continues.

Sincerely,

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Alaska State Hospital & Nursing Home Association
Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association
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cc: President Donald Trump