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**STATEMENT BY HANY'S PRESIDENT DANIEL SISTO ON PRESIDENT BUSH'S VETO
OF MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT LEGISLATION**

President's Action Results in \$1 Billion Health Care Cut for New York

Congress Must Act Swiftly to Override

“This veto is one of the most upside-down acts of pro-HMO favoritism we’ve ever seen. Doctor shortages and barriers to care plague thousands of communities across the nation. If this veto stands, it will serve only to worsen those shortages and further diminish access for thousands of Americans who are most in need of care. New York alone stands to lose more than \$1 billion by this action.

“We call on Congress to act swiftly to override the veto and prevent yet another health care crisis deliberately manufactured by the Bush Administration.

“This is, we hope, the final insult from an Administration that never understood the value of supporting health care beyond subsidizing managed care profits.”