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To the Members of the New York State Congressional Delegation:

On behalf of the more than 550 not-for-profit and public hospitals and continuing care providers represented by the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS), I write to express our support of the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (H.R. 3590), and the accompanying changes in the associated reconciliation bill.

A cornerstone of HANYS’ mission is securing health care coverage for all. HANYS supports H.R. 3590 as a momentous step in the direction of securing universal coverage. We also support the many critical insurance market reform provisions contained in the legislation that will go a long way toward ensuring fairness for patients and providers. Further, we support many of the delivery system reforms that will be established by the legislation, including pilot programs that will improve the delivery of patient care through the promotion of clinical integration across providers.

HANYS and our members stand behind the spirit of shared responsibility that makes this legislation and its expansion of health insurance coverage possible. HANYS will look to the New York State Congressional Delegation to work with us to closely monitor what will undoubtedly be the significant impact of the Medicare and Medicaid reductions and other policies in the legislation on New York’s hospitals and continuing care providers as they pursue their mission to deliver high quality health care to all.

We look forward to working with the Delegation to make modifications to the legislation to help ensure New York providers have the necessary resources and sound policy direction to successfully implement this historic legislation.

We applaud the strong leadership shown by the New York State Congressional Delegation in your commitment to strive to improve the health and health care of all New Yorkers.

Sincerely,

Daniel Sisto
President

Cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives