

# United States Senate

March 25, 2021

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Chairman  
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Crapo  
Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leaders Schumer and McConnell, Chairman Wyden, and Ranking Member Crapo:

As the Senate considers the House-passed H.R.1868, we ask that the technical correction be included to reinstate a California-specific Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) provision that was inadvertently eliminated by the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021*.

Last December, Congress passed important legislation to provide necessary relief for the many families and businesses continuing to suffer due to the pandemic. However, due to a drafting oversight, a provision was unintentionally removed that ensures California's safety net providers receive DSH payments that appropriately account for the high amount of uncompensated care they provide to patients. According to the California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems, this unintentional change could result in financial losses for California's public health care system. Simply put, with no fix, this error would devastate our safety net providers' ability to provide medical care.

At a time when the pandemic continues to disproportionately affect our most vulnerable communities, access to the high-quality health services that are supported by Medicaid DSH funding remains critical. Thank you for your attention to our request.

Sincerely,



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Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator



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Alex Padilla  
United States Senator