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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the American Hospital Association, our 4,700 member hospitals and health systems, and our 31,000 individual members, I am writing to express our support for S.1002, The Hospital Fair Competition Act of 2005.

This legislation can play a critical role in restoring fair competition, and ensuring that the best interest of patients always comes first. The bill recognizes the importance of preventing physicians from referring patients to limited service hospitals that they own—a practice that creates conflict of interest and prevents fair competition.

We applaud your bold leadership on this vital health care issue, and look forward to working with you and your staff to secure passage this year.

Sincerely,

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