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The Honorable Earl Pomeroy
U.S. House of Representatives
1502 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Pomeroy:

On behalf of our nearly 5,000 member hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations, and our 38,000 individual members, the American Hospital Association is pleased to express our strong support for H.R. 2124, the *Medicare Long-Term Care Hospital Improvement Act of 2009*.

H.R. 2124 would extend for two years several important long-term care hospital provisions included in the *Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act (MMSEA)*, signed into law in December 2007. Extending these provisions would provide critical regulatory stability to the long-term care hospital community, and allow an essential segment of the post-acute health care delivery system to continue providing quality services to the patients who rely on them.

We commend you for your efforts to support America's hospitals, and look forward to working with you on these important issues.

Sincerely,

Rick Pollack
Executive Vice President

