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The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid and Minority Leader McConnell:

The American Hospital Association (AHA), on behalf of its more than 5,000 member hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations, and its nearly 40,000 individual members, enthusiastically supports the nomination of Vivek H. Murthy, M.D., M.B.A, to Surgeon General of the United States.

Dr. Murthy is well qualified to serve as our Nation's Doctor. He is committed to improving health and health care in America, and he would be a strong advocate for advancing the health of our Nation. He is currently a hospitalist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and an instructor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. He is an extremely accomplished physician known for providing compassionate, collaborative, high quality patient care. He is dedicated to promoting wellness, and he currently serves on the National Advisory Group for Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health. He is also the co-founder and president of Doctors for America, a non-partisan organization working to provide Americans with more affordable, accessible health care.

The AHA strongly believes that our nation would benefit greatly from Dr. Murthy's knowledge, dedication, enthusiasm and experience. We urge the full Senate to confirm his nomination this year. If you have any questions regarding his candidacy, please do not hesitate to contact me or Robyn Bash, Executive Director, Federal Relations at (202) 626-2672 or rbash@aha.org.

Sincerely,

Rick Pollack
Executive Vice President

Cc: Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Department of Health and Human Services
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