



June 17, 2005

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
United States Senate
284 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hutchison:

The Federation of American Hospitals (FAH) and the American Hospital Association (AHA), which represent more than 4,800 publicly and privately owned and managed community hospitals across the United States, join together in support of the "Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2005." We applaud your leadership and we are pleased that the House of Representatives has already passed a companion piece of legislation.

Your legislation recognizes the need to improve outreach and coordination of health care services for chronically ill, uninsured patients in low-income and rural areas. In addition, the grant monies to "navigators" will help patients learn more about treatment options that are necessary for promoting wellness.

The hospital community appreciates your commitment, and thanks you for the leadership you have shown in this area. We look forward to working with you and your staff to see "navigator" legislation enacted this congressional session.

Sincerely,

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