



American Hospital
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ADVOCACY UPDATE

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Final push needed for House letter opposing budget cuts

Sponsors to close letter tomorrow, 185 signatures so far

Reps. Richard Neal (D-MA) and Phil English (R-PA) tomorrow plan to stop accepting signatures on their letter urging Budget Committee leaders to reject cuts in hospital Medicare and Medicaid funding. The letter so far has 185 signatures, but we need to do more... if your representative hasn't yet agreed to sign, this final push can help our House champions make our case even stronger!

Rep Neal on Tuesday told more than 150 hospital leaders that Medicare "has added years to life and life to years." He said there is "no reason for a member of Congress not to sign the letter" if there is a hospital in their district, given hospitals' role in caring for the community and riving the local economy.

***Has your representative agreed to sign?
Check www.aha.org at "Stop the Cuts" to see the letter
and a list of signers so far.***

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