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**Please Co-Sponsor H.R. 3203 to Protect Pennsylvania Safety-Net Hospitals'  
Eligibility for the 340B Prescription Drug Discount Program**

Dear Rep. Keller:

The Safety-Net Association of Pennsylvania appreciates everything you and your colleagues in Congress have done, and continue to do, to help private Pennsylvania safety-net hospitals and others like us serve our communities during this unprecedented public health crisis.

The COVID-19 pandemic led to a reduction in hospitals' admissions as people deferred addressing their medical problems out of fear of contracting the virus. These reduced admissions, a one-year anomaly, could affect safety-net hospitals' eligibility to continue participating in the federal 340B prescription drug discount program, which is an essential tool for helping hospitals provide low-cost prescription drugs to their low-income outpatients in the communities they serve. Through this program, covered entities receive significant discounts on the prescription drugs their low-income patients need, enabling participating providers to stretch scarce resources in service to the communities that depend on them.

Two of your colleagues, **Representatives Doris Matsui (D-CA) and Chris Stewart (R-Utah), have introduced bipartisan legislation (H.R. 3203)** that would temporarily enable eligible providers to retain their 340B eligibility until hospitals' inpatient volume returns to normal. **Senators John Thune (R-SD) and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) have introduced a companion bill, S. 773.** 340B is a great and worthy program that helps Pennsylvania safety-net hospitals meet the needs of their low-income communities and we urge you to join Representatives Matsui and Stewart and co-sponsor their bill and advocate its passage among your colleagues.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and welcome any questions you may have about it.

Sincerely,

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