



January 31, 2013

The Honorable Claire McCaskill
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Coburn, MD
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators McCaskill and Coburn:

On behalf of our more than 130 hospitals and health networks across the State of North Carolina, our association is honored to support your legislation, S. 183, the *Hospital Payment Fairness Act of 2013*. This legislation corrects a 'manipulation' of the federal Medicare payment formulas, recognized by Democrat and Republicans alike, initiated under Section 3141 of the *Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act of 2010*.

Under this provision Massachusetts has so far been able to reap a windfall of more than \$620 million from the other 49 states – and unfairly favoring one state's hospitals and Medicare beneficiaries to the detriment of others. If left uncorrected based on the Administration's own estimates, this will cost hospitals in the other 49 states - and the patients who depend on them - more than \$3.5 billion over the next ten years. We cannot let this stand.

Thank you for your national leadership on this issue, and we look forward to working with you, our delegation and your colleagues in the House and Senate for swift resolution of this inequity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Pully', written in a cursive style.

William A. Pully, President
North Carolina Hospital Association

cc:

The Honorable Richard Burr
The Honorable Kay Hagen