



*We Will Empower Bold Change to Elevate
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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Majority Leader Thune, Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, and Leader Jeffries:

On behalf of the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA), the national leadership organization representing more than 2,200 Catholic healthcare systems, hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, service providers, and organizations, **I urge you to work together to end the government shutdown and come together to fund programs that protect the vulnerable, strengthen the social safety net, and advance critical health priorities - such as maintaining access to telehealth, addressing the Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) cuts and extending vital health care tax credits that keep health insurance affordable for individuals and families..**

Catholic health care is the largest not-for-profit provider of health care services in the nation, with 674 hospitals, over 1,500 skilled nursing and long-term care facilities, hospice, home health, assisted living, and senior housing in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. Last year, Catholic hospitals provided care to 1 in 7 patients, employed 700,000 people, and had more than five million admissions.

The failure of congressional leaders to come together to keep our government open and protect critical safety net programs means 40 million Americans will face potential cuts or elimination of their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); more than 22 million hard working people will see their health insurance premiums increase by more than 114% on average; and millions more will see their health care disrupted as telehealth flexibilities and critical health care programs remain frozen or limited. Additionally, critical government functions that safeguard public health and sustain key programs for vulnerable populations remain without funding. This continued failure to work together in a bipartisan way is not just a political failure — it's a moral one.

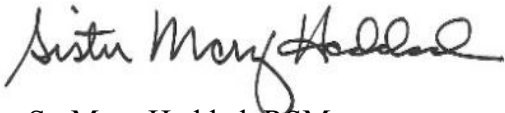
We therefore urge you to come together to reopen the government and:

- Ensure timely and full payments of SNAP food assistance programs and other programs that serve those most in need,
- Extend the ACA enhanced premium tax credits (EPTC) that have allowed more than 15 million Americans to gain access to high-quality and affordable health coverage,

- Renew the telehealth and hospital-at-home flexibilities that allow people to receive health care in their homes,
- Extend the Medicare-dependent hospitals, rural ambulance, work geographic index floor and Low-volume Adjustment programs, and
- Continue the delay of the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) cuts so that the health safety net can continue to serve those in need.

Now is the time to set aside partisan and personal differences and come together to prioritize the American people by reopening the government and protecting the health and social safety net for those in need. CHA and our members stand ready to work with you to find a compromise that protects the common good and supports the people and communities we are privileged to serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sr. Mary Haddad". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Sr.", "Mary", and "Haddad" being capitalized and prominent.

Sr. Mary Haddad, RSM
President and CEO