Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Please join Representative Kaptur and Representative Gibbs in sending a letter encouraging bipartisan support of loan forgiveness on Accelerated Payments that have been made to healthcare providers.

Nearly 800 health systems and hospitals from 45 states have signed on to support this effort. Hospitals in our districts have shared that in the absence of more financial support, including this forgiveness, it is nearly certain that many hospitals will be forced to close or significantly scale back operations.

The letter outlines:

- Forgiveness would be for health care related expenses or lost revenues that are directly attributable to coronavirus.
- Providers electing to have their advance payment loans forgiven would be obligated to abstain from balance billing any patient for COVID-related treatment.
- Congress would mandate criteria for transparency and accountability of the loan forgiveness.

Thank you for your support of this effort. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions. **This** letter will close at noon on Wednesday, April 22nd.

To sign on please reach out to Margaret McInnis, <u>Margaret.McInnis@mail.house.gov</u> with Rep. Kaptur or Alex Briggs, <u>Alex.Briggs@mail.house.gov</u> with Rep. Gibbs.