



February 3, 2003

The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
516 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Wyden:

On behalf of the Federation of American Hospitals (FAH), which represents the nation's investor-owned hospitals, I am writing to lend our support to the "Health Care That Works For All Americans Act."

Your legislation would be a significant step forward in Congress' efforts to improve the nation's health care system. The Wyden-Hatch legislation would provide a well-structured process for airing the health care views and concerns of the American people. Furthermore, it requires that Congress thoughtfully consider its recommendations. With 41 million Americans currently without health insurance, there is an urgent need to begin this dialogue.

The members of the Federation are pleased to support your efforts, and thank you for the leadership you have shown in this area. We look forward to working with you and your staff to see this legislation enacted.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Kahn III
President