

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 11, 2015

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
U.S House of Representatives
H-232 Capitol Building
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
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Dear Speaker Boehner and Minority Leader Pelosi:

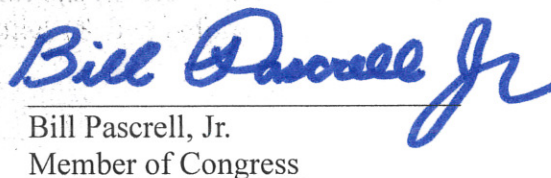
We write today to express our support for The Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation (IMPACT) Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-185), and express our concern with Congress establishing "site neutral" payments for select conditions treated in inpatient rehabilitation hospitals and units (IRFs) and skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) before this law has been implemented.

With the passage of the IMPACT Act, there was widespread recognition among policymakers that standardizing assessment data across all post-acute care (PAC) providers is a necessary first step to inform development of PAC payment reforms. The data obtained through this law will allow Congress to consider how to better align Medicare payments with the value of care provided in PAC settings. There are significant differences in Medicare policies and regulations governing IRFs and SNFs, as well as variations in the sites and care capacity. The IMPACT Act will provide sound data and establish evidence-based guidelines that we believe are necessary before establishing "site neutral" payment structures or other payment reforms for PAC providers.

The IMPACT Act gives Congress the tools to make informed decisions with respect to "site neutral" payments and other PAC payment reforms. We believe it is prudent to ensure that this data is available before moving forward.

Sincerely,


Martha Roby
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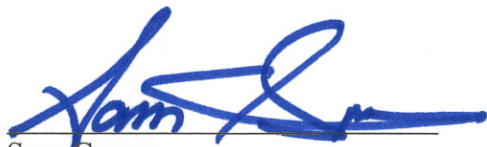

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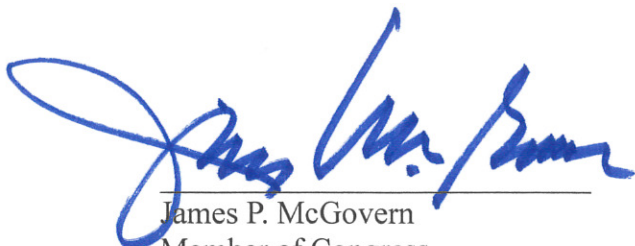
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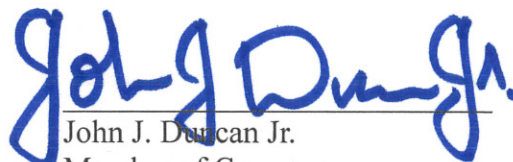
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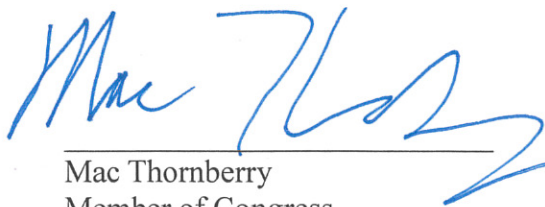
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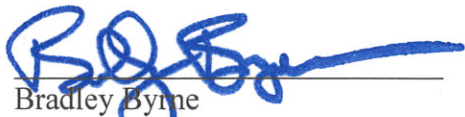
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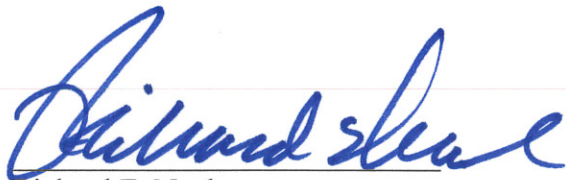
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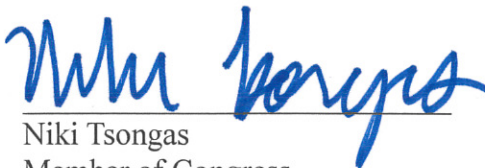
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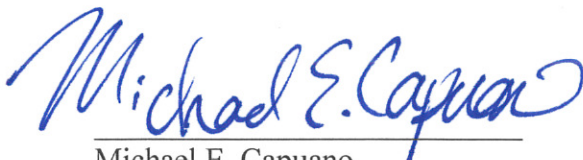
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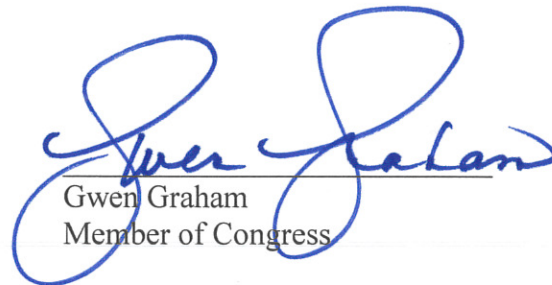
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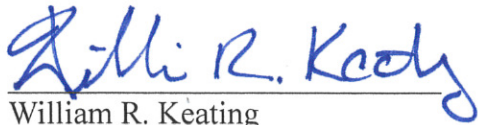
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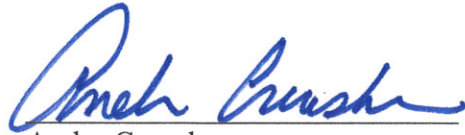
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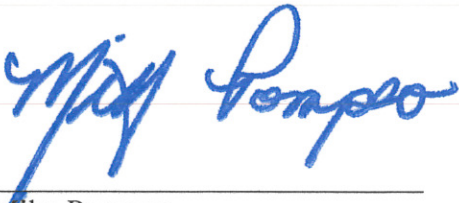
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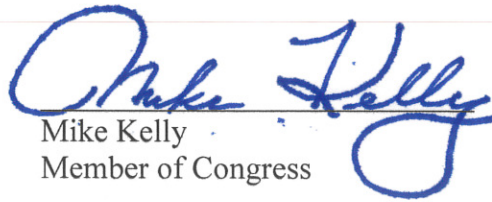
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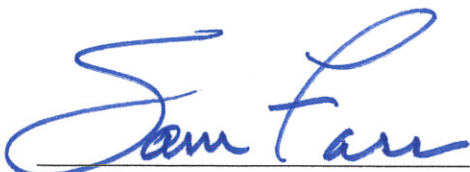
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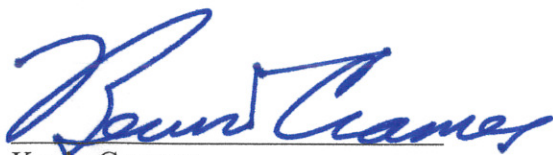
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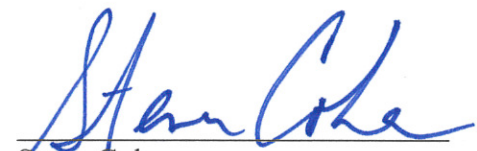
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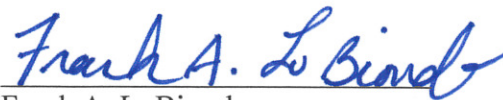
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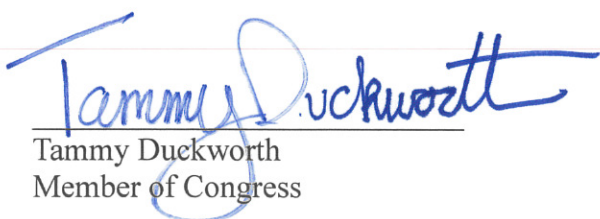
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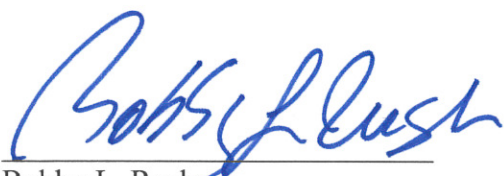
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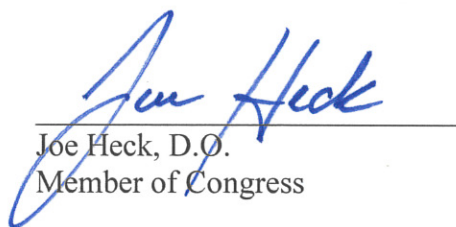
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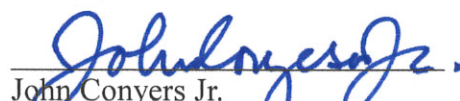
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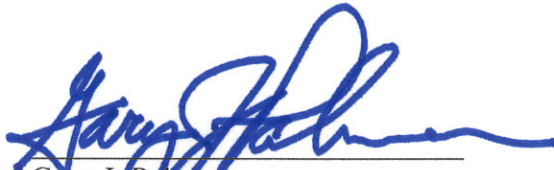
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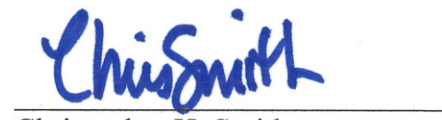


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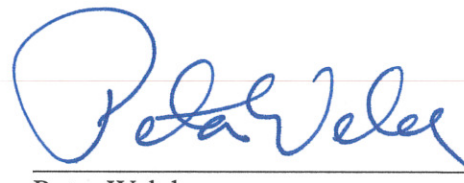

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