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Dear Representative:

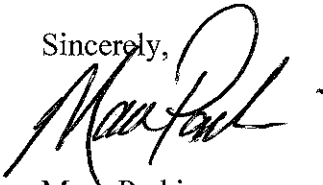
Today, the House will be asked to cut the Medicaid Provider Assessment statutory threshold to 5.5%. This cut is contained in the *Spending Reduction Act of 2012*, Sec. 211. Congress is being asked to defer the defense cuts on the backs of the poorest, oldest Americans.

This change will make it even harder for states to finance a program that is already underfunding nursing providers by \$7 billion in 2012.

The American Health Care Association (AHCA), the nation's largest association representing nursing homes opposes this bad policy.

AHCA strongly urges you to vote against this proposal when it reaches the House floor today. AHCA considers this a key vote, and will be communicating the results of the vote to our members, and the patients and families that they serve.

Sincerely,



Mark Parkinson
President & CEO