



March 23, 2022

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
United States Senate  
Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20009

Dear Senator Grassley,

On behalf of the Iowa Rural Health Association (IRHA), I am expressing our support and gratitude for the bipartisan Rural Hospital Support Act you are introducing. IRHA knows this is an issue you've worked on for many years and your leadership as it relates to rural health care has been second to none.

Making permanent the Medicare-Dependent Hospital program and enhanced low-volume Medicare adjustment for small rural prospective payment system hospitals is critical to a number of rural hospitals in our state. Without it, their very existence is at risk.

This legislation will help keep the doors open at rural hospitals and allow them to continue serving their local communities during this time of sustained financial pressure and historic changes in care delivery.

IRHA is a nonprofit membership organization of individuals and organizations dedicated to ensuring optimal health for all Iowans, particularly those in rural areas. As the voice for rural health in the state, the IRHA brings attention to the issues that affect rural health providers and helps address those issues by providing educational opportunities, facilitating information sharing, and engaging in advocacy activities.

Thank you for your leadership on this topic. IRHA stands ready to leverage its existing networks to bring attention to it and its rural impacts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Kelli M. Todd'.

Kelli M. Todd  
IRHA Board President