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Representative Phil Gingrey, MD
442 Cannon House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Gene Green
2470 Rayburn House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressmen Gingrey and Green:

The Federation of American Hospitals (FAH), representing more than 1,100 investor-owned or managed hospitals and health systems throughout the United States, is pleased to express our support for H.R. 3742, the Antibiotic Development to Advance Patient Treatment (ADAPT) Act.

Antimicrobial resistance is an issue of great importance to hospitals which serve as the front line in the fight against infectious disease. Accelerating development of new treatments is critical to our ability to treat patients with serious infections who lack sufficient therapeutic options.

The FAH supports your work to create incentives to encourage companies to further engage in the development and production of new anti-bacterial and anti-fungal pharmaceutical products. We also support provisions in the bill that strengthen monitoring by the CDC of resistance and antibiotic use and make these data publically available.

While expediting development and approval of new drug therapies is essential to ensuring patients receive the treatment they need, it is equally important to clarify that the FDA must maintain its current standards for drug safety and efficiency.

We look forward to working with you to ensure this important legislation is enacted into law. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. N. Kahn III".