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The Honorable Pat Tiberi  
United States House of Representatives  
House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jim McDermott  
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Dear Chairman Tiberi and Ranking Member McDermott,

On behalf of The Alliance of Dedicated Cancer Centers (ADCC), I write to you with strong support for and great appreciation of H.R. 5273, the Helping Hospitals Improve Patient Care Act of 2016.

As you know, the ADCC represents the nation's eleven Dedicated Cancer Centers. Our institutions are at the forefront of innovative treatment options in precision medicine, immunotherapies, and other state of the art diagnostic and patient care technologies. We are also committed to disseminating best practices for patient treatment to the community at large—from the wisdom of watchful waiting and prevention to the most up-to-date therapies. Our members serve as regional, national, and international resources in developing the most effective and efficient ways to treat cancer patients.

We applaud your leadership in addressing issues created by Section 603 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015. Consistent with longstanding Congressional recognition of Dedicated Cancer Centers, Section 202 ensures our continuing ability to provide the highest quality and level of care and access for our patients. We thank you, Chairman Brady, and other members of the Committee for recognizing the unique value that we provide as hospitals that singularly focus on cancer. In addition, we support other components of the legislation. In particular, we support Section 201, which provides critical relief to those hospitals caught in a mid-build scenario last fall, and Section 102, which recognizes that measures used in the readmissions program need to be adjusted to account for socioeconomic status.

Thank you again for your leadership on this issue and for all of your efforts towards improving the healthcare of all Americans.

Sincerely,

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